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At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other taxable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled on the first
day of March A.D. 1802 - the following votes passed viz
- 1st To give in year vote for a Treasurer for this year
the votes being counted and sorted it appeared that there
were for Ebenezer Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford 19 votes
and for M^r Hilley Mannick of Concord 2 votes
viz. To choose a Town officer for the ensuing year - viz
Town Clerk William Merriam sworn
select men { William Merriam } { Peter Fitch Town Treasurer sworn
William Webster sworn } { Joseph Fitch }
Oliver Reed jun^r } { Nathl. Brown sworn
Collector of Taxes John Reed Esq. sworn, and is to have twenty
three Dollars for his service & is to give bond to the town to
complete his collection with one year from the date of his death
Surveyor { Dea James Wright } { Tapping & James Lane
Nathl. Hayward } men { Nathaniel Brown sworn
James Wilson jun^r } { Thence } { William Russell
William Porter } viewers { Jonathan Lane sworn
John Merriam } { Field } { Elijah Putnam
Jesse Robertson } { Oliver Colgate sworn
Elijah Stearns } { Sealers } { Leather Capt. David Reed
Surveior of Lumber, Elijah Stearns, sworn, - Sealers of wood and
measures John Webster jun^r sworn - Hoagacres Samuel Lane Esq.
and Nathl. Page jun^r - Deacons Samuel Merriam & John
Reed Esq. Fish warden, Oliver Reed jun^r, Nathl. Hayward, John
Reed Esq. and John Page sworn -
3rd art. To know how much money the town will grant to repair
the Highways and Bridges this year; voted 576 Dollars -
4th art. To know in what method the town will proceed in
repairing the Highways & Bridges this year; voted that it
ways be as follows viz. to a man ten cents per hour
that he works - and for a yoke of oxen and a cart ten
cents per hour through the year
5th art. To know if the town will choose an agent or agents
to conduct and carry on a suit in Law already commenced
against Capt. T. Chapman who absconded from this town in
July last, leaving four children to be supported on the
Gift of this town? they made choice of William Merriam &
J. Jones to be agents to conduct and carry on P. suit
6th art. To know if the town will take any method to pre-
vent neat cattle from going at large on the Highways or
roads and on common lands within the limits of the town
the ensuing year the town voted that neat cattle shall
not go at large any part of the year, under the penalty
mentioned in the Statute Law of this commonwealth
7th art. To know if the town will upon the desire of Nathl.
Page allow him to work out his Highway tax the ensuing
year between his house and the gate at the Pond voted
to allow him to work out one half of his tax on his land
where it is asked for -

The continued article respecting opening a road by
 the John Sprague house is continued to next May meeting.
 The continued article respecting opening a road by Mr. Oliver
 Reed house &c is continued to next May meeting.
 The continued article respecting straightening the road near
 Dr. Weston house, is continued to next May meeting.
 The wife Goodell put to board with Mr. William Corbet until
 next Sept meeting at 7/4 per week — — — — —
 also Abigail Johnson at 6/6 per week — — — — —
 Alice put to Mr. Solomon Lane until next May meeting
 at 4/4 per week — — — — —
 Dorcas Bacon put to board with Mr. David Fitch until
 next May meeting at 1/2 per week — — — — —
 Polly Bacon put to Mr. Oliver Reed until next
 May meeting at 1/2 per week — — — — —
 Mr. Jesse Robertson appointed Sexton for this town
 Lt. Timothy Jones appointed Kindest master for this town

At a meeting of the freeholders & other qualified voters be-
 inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the
 fifth day of April A.D. 1802 - for the purpose of giving
 their vote for government officers - viz for a Governor
 and a Lieut. Governor for this commonwealth also
 for four Senators and four members for this district for the year
 ensuing, the votes being brought in counted and sorted in
 the meeting as the law directs it appeared that there were for
 the following persons as follows viz — — — — — for — — — — —
 Governor Caleb Strong Esq. of Northampton by — 26 votes —
 Elbridge Gerry Esq. of Cambridge by — 31 votes —
 for Lieut Gov William Heath Esq. of Roxbury by — 23 votes —
 for Governor — Edward H. Robbins Esq. of Milton by — 32 votes —
 for Lieut Gov — Aaron Hill Esq. of Cambridge by — 20 — — —
 for Senators — Timothy Bagelow Esq. of Groton by — 35 — — —
 for — William Hull Esq. of Newton by — 20 — — —
 for — William Hildreth Esq. of Leicester by — 20 — — —
 for — Jonathan Maynard Esq. of Framingham by — 16 — — —
 for — Josiah Bartlett Esq. of Charleston by — 33 — — —
 for — James Bancroft Esq. of Hingham by — 34 — — —
 for — Timothy Jackson Esq. of Newton by — 34 votes —

Timothy Jones Esq. chosen moderator
 and to know in what method how much money they
 will grant for the writing school the ensuing winter
 voted the sum of two Hundred Dollars for that purpose
 and to know in what method the town will provide for
 to the school the ensuing winter: voted in the same method
 as last year; the town then made choice of a committee
 viz Mr. Jonas Gleason; Elijah Stearns; Levi Thad. Davis
 and Col. Timothy Jones. To Committee we to provide for and
 support the school as the law directs — — — — —
 George Danforth put to board with Capt. Abbott at 6/6 per week
 the meeting house put to Jeremiah Fitch from year to year
 at 1/2 per week — — — — —

meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants
of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the 26th day
April 1802 - the following votes passed - viz
That Mr. Timothy Jones Esqr. be chosen moderator
to know if the town will give a committee to visit
a committee appointed by the Court of General Sessions
the peace; to view the road from the line of Southampton
and through this town to Exnington - the town voted
that a committee of seven men, to visit on the line
through this town, the committee be Mr. Needham, Mr.
Hobbs, Capt. Dyer, Regd. Col. Timothy Jones, Mr. Smith
Mr. Jones, Mr. James Wright and Stephen Adams -

A meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants
of the town of Bedford legally assembled on the third day of
May 1802 - for the following purposes - viz
To know if the town will elect and depose a constable
full person to serve for & represent them at the great
general court this present year - voted in the affirmative
To know if the town will allow Mr. Joseph Smith
and Mr. William Heathwell to work out any part of their
highway tax this year on the causeway south of the
dwelling house, the town voted to allow them to work
out one half of their tax there this year

The continued article respecting opening a road
Oliver Needham dwelling house &c, the town voted to
annul the article to next March meeting.

The continued article respecting the right line the road
to the New house, the town voted to continue the same
to next Sept meeting -

The continued article respecting opening a road
from the quarry and on to St. Scares, Drives, the town
reported in favour of opening the road, on condition
that the town build that, the town voted to pass
the proposal, and to build the sixty rods of road
the quarry lane - & voted that the selectmen lay
out a road two rods wide, as the petitioners have
said that the road shall be opened within two years
the petitioners to William Newman to carry out the
road Sept meeting at 1/4 per week

James Baugh put to Mr. Joseph Conners, with 11 men
meeting at 1/4 per week

May 25. 1802. The selectmen laid out an open road, starting
beginning at the well side of the causeway, at a white
oak tree & from thence running west to the end of the road
near the South Eastern corner of the quarry dwelling
house, and from thence a circuitous line meagrely to the
road, and to a stake and stones, in a field called
Heathwell meadow, and from thence a straight line
to a heap of stone at the South Eastern corner of the
quarry dwelling house.

and Road is laid out from a point on the road to the village
mentioned we all on the Northern side of the road
and from thence as the road is now fenced out by the
land of said Reed house to St. George's. I wish to

A meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants
of the town of Bedford was held on the sixth day of Sept
A.D. 1802 - the following votes passed - viz

That John Page Esq. be chosen moderator

That to know how much money the town will grant to help
the poor of the town in the ensuing year
The town voted the sum of three hundred thirty dollars
for that purpose & 500 more

That to know what method the town will take to procure the
fire wood for the next summer the ensuing year
voted the same method as last year - and cho. a committee
of three men to procure the wood viz. the committee for Jones
for Jones Gleason & Mr. Rich. Fisher

That to know if the town will accept of the gift of five or six
by the selectmen and if so to choose a committee to select
on quarter part thereof to be put in the drainage box
The town accepted the gift and directed the selectmen to select
on quarter part thereof to be put in the drainage box
to be put in the drainage box

That to know if the town will continue it to next town meeting
The town voted to continue it to next town meeting
The town voted to continue it to next town meeting

That to know if the town will continue it to next town meeting
The town voted to continue it to next town meeting
The town voted to continue it to next town meeting

A meeting of the male inhabitants of the town of Bedford
was held on the first day of Nov. 1802 - the following
votes passed - viz

That to know what method the town will take to build
a wall on St. John's square land, the town cho. a committee
of three men to superintend the building of the wall and
bring in their report

That to know if the town will take any step to be put
in the way of the town to be put in the way of the town
to be put in the way of the town to be put in the way of the town

That to know if the town will take any step to be put
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A meeting of the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of
the town of Bedford legally assembled on the Seventh day of
March A.D. 1803. the following vote passed - viz
To give in new votes for a County Treasurer for the
ensuing year; the votes being brought in counted and sorted
by the moderator and Town Clerk it appeared there were for
Shenazar Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford - 26 votes -
and Abel Haywood Esq. of Fenner by - 18 votes -
2nd. To choose town officers for the ensuing year
Town Clerk William Merriam sworn - Town Treasurer Moses
Abbot William Merriam } Fifth chosen
men William Webber sworn Collector John Reed Esq. and int
Oliver Reed } have 25 Dollars & fifty cents
constable John Merriam } Highway } Keeper Reed +
Nathan Thynne } } Clearer Davie
Tything William Porter } High } Jonas Gleason +
men David Lane } ways } David Trish +
Thence } St John Sprague } Dean Thad. Davis
viewers } Jon. Lane sworn } Oliver Pollard +
Dined } Oliver Pollard sworn } Jon. Lane +
dinner } Eleazer Davie } } Eng. Chamberlin +
dealer of leather Capt. David Reed
surveyor of Lumber Elijah Stearns - Dealer of wth and
magazine John Webber - Hoyscave Capt. Moses Abbot,
Simeon Stearns, Elijah Stearns, Asa Webber, Asa Mead
Eliab Lane - Teamsters Samuel Merriam, John Kell
Kath warden, William Page; St Eleazer Lane, Thad. Trish
3rd. To know how much money the town will grant to
repair the Highways and Bridges this year, voted 476
4th. To know what method the town will proceed in
repairing the Highways & Bridges this year voted the
same method as last year
5th. To know how much money the town will grant for
the support of Schools the ensuing year voted 300 Dollars
6th. To know in what method the town will proceed in
respecting the Schools; the town voted the same as last
year & chose a Committee of five men to provide the
Schools, to inspect them & nominate, John Reed, David
Trish, Josiah Hall, St John Sprague, & Reuben Reed
7th. To know what method the town will take to support
the Carlisle road to call in future - the town voted that
the assessors shall divide the town into eight districts &
put one on the said Carlisle road to keep it in repair
8th. To know if the town will take any method to prevent
meat cattle from going at large on the roads & common lands
within the limits of the town the ensuing year; voted the
same method as last year
9th. To know what method the town will take to support
the Carlisle road in future - voted to leave it with
the select men to do as they in their wisdom shall
think best for the town

The continued act, respecting opening roads by Mr. Oliver Reed, house &c. - the town voted to continue it untill next may meeting

Benj. Danforth put to board with Capt. Abbot untill next may meeting at 6/6 per week

Mr. Goodell put to board with Capt. Abbot untill next ^{may} meeting at 5/11 per week

Bigad Johnson put to Thad. Fitch, to board at 6/9 per week untill next may meeting

Slue Negro, put to board with Mr. Jeremiah Smith untill next may meeting at 3/9 per week

~~Mr. Joseph Fiddler~~ appointed Sexton for this town
Col. Timothy Jones appointed vendue master for the town
Edw. Dimick Chamberlin appointed Pound keeper

At a meeting of the freeholders and other qualified voters of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the fourth day of April A.D. 1803 - for the purpose of giving in their votes for governor, a Senator for this commonwealth; and also for four the votes being brought in counted and Told and declaration thereof made in the meeting, as directed and it appeared they were for the following persons
viz. for Caleb Strong Esq. of Northampton by 30 votes
Governor Elbridge Gerry Esq. of Cambridge by 13

for Edward H. Robbins Esq. of Milton by 30
Senator James Bowdoin Esq. of Boston 11
for Aaron Hill Esq. of Cambridge by 19
for William Hull Esq. of Newton 17
for William Stoddard Esq. of Andover 19
for Jonathan Maynard Esq. of Framingham 17
for Timothy Bigelow Esq. of Groton 15
for Josiah Bartlett Esq. of Charlestown 15
for James Barre Esq. of Reading 13
for Timothy Jackson Esq. of Newton 13

Timothy Jones Esq. of Chelms made
2d. To know if the town will upon the desire of Mr. Samuel Heathwell accept of the road as it is walked out by him, from Mr. Joseph & William Heathwell land to Mr. dwelling, house the town accepted of the said Road as above mentioned

At a meeting of the freeholders and other qualified voters of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the second day of May A.D. 1803

Article 1 To know if the town will elect and depute a good and lawfull person to serve for & represent them at the great and general court this present year

2 art. To know if the town will ^{Mr. J. F. voting in the Negative} choose an agent or agents to oppose any Turnpike road through any part of this town that now is or may be petitioned for within this year, or to do any thing respecting the same the town think best - The town unanimously voted that they were opposed to the proposed Turnpike road & made choice of two men to serve as agents, to oppose a Turnpike road viz Col. Timothy Jones & Dear James Wright

The continued art. respecting opening a road by Mr. Oliver Reeds house, the town by vote threw it out - Benj. Danforth put to board with Mr. Samuel Lane untill next March meeting at 5/11 per week - The wid Goodell put to Thad. Fitch untill next March meeting at 6/0 per week

Abigail Johnson put to board with Nathl. Wyman untill next March meeting at 6/0 per week - Nine negro put to St. Brown untill next September meeting at 2/11 per week

At a meeting of the freeholders & other notable inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assembled on the fifth day of May A.D. 1803 - the following votes passed - viz.

Mr. Thompson Bacon chosen moderator

Art. 1 to know how much money the town will grant to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year voted the sum of \$375 Dollars for that purpose - \$375.00

2 art. To know what method the town will take to procure the fire wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the ensuing year voted to proceed as last year, and choose a Committee of 3 viz - Col. Jones, Dr. Hallen and Mr. Solomon Lane to procure fire wood

3 art. To know what the town will do with the property they have taken by execution; late the property of Capt. Elagge Bacon; the town voted to leave it with their former agents viz Mr. Nevins & Col. Timothy Jones who conducted in law to sell the said property in such manner as they shall think best for the town; and to give a good sufficient in their capacity for the same; they being accountable for the proceeds of the sale to the town

4 art. To know if the town will discontinue the road through Mr. Oliver Reeds lane, if he will open a road through a corner of this old field with out any cost to the town - The town choose a Committee of three men to see if the matter be clear if they among settle the matter in the neighbors hand The Committee Col. Jones, Mr. Oliver Pollard & Mr. Thompson Bacon

2 the town voted to continue this meeting to the 19th inst.
at four o'clock P. M.
Monday Sept. 19. A. D. 1803. The board met; and the
committee reported that they could not settle the dis-
pute in the neighbourhood - The town then voted not
Sept 19. Allie put to board with Mr. Jam^s Child until
next march meeting at 7/6 per week -
Darius Bagen put to board with Samuel Lane &
until next March meeting at 7/6 per week -
Polly Bagen put to board with Mr. Asa. Need until
next March meeting at 1/6 per week -
Nov. 21. A. D. 1803 the widow Mary Heathwell put
to board with Joseph A. Willington until next March
meeting at 8/6 per week -
November 22nd 1803 - The bonds between Lexington &
Bedford were renewed and agreed on by John Wentworth
and Nathan Chandler Esqrs. on the part of Lexington
and William Merriam & William Webber of Bedford -

At a meeting of the freeholders & other qualified voters
of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford Legally assem-
bled on the fifth day of March A. D. 1804 - the following
votes passed viz. Col^o Timothy Jones Esq. Moderator.
Article 1. To give in your votes for a suitable person to
be County Treasurer for this county of Middlesex for the
year ensuing; the votes being brought in and counted
it appeared there was for Abel Hayward Esq. of Concord
by 37 votes - no other person being voted for -
2nd art. To give in your votes for a suitable person to
be Register of Deeds, &c for said county. The votes
being brought in & counted it appeared there were
for Samuel Bartlett Esq. of Cambridge - 33 votes -
3rd art. To choose Town officers for the ensuing year
Town Clerk William Merriam Town Treasurer
chosen { William Merriam { Moses Smith chosen -
- men { William Webber { Collector of taxes Capt.
Levi Thack^r Davis ^{Sworn} } John Webber. Sworn
and is to be under bonds to the Treasurer of the town to
complete the collection of his List within one year
from the date of his list or lists; and nothing in this
limitation is to prevent the town Treasurer from
suing his execution against him when ever the
rescuer of the town shall be such as to require it
and he the said Capt. Webber is to have for his services the
sum of twenty-eight Dollars for his services if paid
Capt^s { Samuel Lane Jr. } 2nd { David Lane
- ble { John Needm^r & chosen } 3rd { Limcon Stearns
House { St. John Sprague } 4th { William Porter
viewers { Thompson Bacon ^{Sworn} } 5th { Oliver Pollard & chosen

Surveyor { Capt David Reed &
 of Highways { St John Sprague;
 Joseph Webber;
 John Webber; &
 John Merriam;
 Nathl. Brown;
 Stephen Lane.
 & Em. P. Chamberlitt

Sealers { Sealers of furs { John Webber;
 and measures { Daniel Davis; Francis Wilson;
 Timothy Page; all sworn

Hoagseavy - Elijah Putnam

Deacons Samuel Merriam & John Keefe
 Trish wardens, St. John Sprague; Elijah Stearns; William
 Page; and William Maswell

4 art. To know how much money the town will grant
 to repair the Highways and Bridges this year
 voted the sum of four Hundred & Seventy six Dollars
 for that purpose \$476.00

5 art. To know in what method the town will proceed
 in repairing the Highways the ensuing year
 voted the same method as last year

6 art. To know how much money the town will grant
 for the support of schools the ensuing year
 voted the sum of three Hundred Dollars

7 art. To know in what method the town will proceed
 in respecting the schools this year The town
 voted to choose a Committee of five men to take
 this art. into their wise consideration; and for them
 to report to the town at next April meeting
 what method they think best for the town to
 proceed in respecting schools this year. Committee
 The Rev. Mr. Samuel Stearns; William Merriam;
 William Webber; Thompson & Bacon; & E. Tim. Jones
 and that the art. be continued to that time

8 art. To know what further method the town will
 take to support the new road call'd the Carthage
 road The town voted the sum of one Hundred Dollars
 to be laid out on the road in the month of June next
 and that the sum be taxed with the other sum
 granted by the town to repair the other roads &
 in town this year and the several Surveyors in
 the town be directed by the assessor of the town
 to work out their several proportions according
 to the sum total of their lists; and

9 art. To know if the town will take any method
 to prevent meat cattle from going at large on
 the roads and common lands within the limits of
 the town this year voted the same method as last
 year

10 art. To know what method the town will take
 to support their Poor in future voted to leave
 this with the selectmen to do as they in their
 wisdom think best for the town

The votes being brought in counted and sorted, it appeared that there were for _____

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| Isaac Bell and J. J. of Northampton | 33 vol |
| and James Sullivan J. J. of Boston | 27 vol |
| Samuel Governor Edward H. H. of Milton | 31 vol |
| and William Heath J. J. of Roxbury | 28 |
| of Jason Hill J. J. of Cambridge | 33 |
| of John Bull J. J. of Newton | 33 |
| of William H. J. J. of Andover | 23 |
| of John H. J. J. of Framingham | 21 |
| of James H. J. J. of Charlestown | 2 |
| of Timothy Jackson J. J. of Reading | 20 |
| of Anthony J. J. of Newton | 20 |
| of Timothy L. J. J. of Groton | 20 |

Colo Timothy Jones chosen moderator.
 2nd Article To know if the town will be at the expense
 of a bounty for crows heads caught and killed within
 the limits of the town this year. voted the sum of
 25 cents each young and old, to be payed on the
 headmen when they shall be brought to him.
 3rd Article To know if the town will be at the expense of
 putting young trees on the sides of the highway
 and the first to be done, and to do anything the
 town thinks best in this article was not voted on.

The committee, while respecting attending
funeral solemnities a morrow in future, the
Committee beg leave to recommend the following
method. 1st That notice be given to those
who are desired to officiate at places previous
to the time appointed for attending the funeral
2nd That the practice of carrying round shroud pul-
-lows, over a public meeting, and also of sing-
-ing the psalms to return to the house of mourning
after the funeral; be laid aside —

3rd That two or more suitable persons be appoin-
-ted by the town to superintend upon these occa-
-sions, and where their advice and assistance, or of
either of them shall be desired, that charitable
notice be given them of the charge —

4th That prayers be attended precisely in one hour
after the time appointed for the funeral —

The town accepted the above report of their
Committee, and made choice of Dr. Amos
Chapton, Moses Smith, and John Hubbard, to
superintend as above proposed —

Benjamin Davenport put to board with Mrs. Rax
until next March meeting at 6⁰ per week
Alice Rax put to board with Smith until next May
meeting at 6⁰ per week —

John widow Goodell put to board until next March
meeting with John Reed, 9⁰ at 7⁰ per week —

The widow Mary Tharwell put to board with
S. Bradley, Bowen at 7⁰ per week, until next
Sept. meeting —

James Brown put to board with a common steers
until next March meeting at 16 cents per week —

Beliza Brown put to Eliza Palmer until next
March meeting at 18 cents per week —

The care of the meeting committed to Ebenezer
Smith, for one year, he is to have — \$2.00.

At meeting of the freeholders & Qualified voters
of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, regu-
-larly assembled on the seventh Day of Nov. 1884
the following vote passed (viz)

1st To know if the town will elect and depute
a good and Lawfull person to represent them at
the great and general court this present year —
The town voted in the Negative —

2nd To know if the town will take any method to
establish the line between the towns of Land North
of the meeting house and land under the improve-
-ment of Mrs. John Lane, or to do any thing agree-
-ing it the town think best —

The town voted to go out in committee with
John Reed Esq. who appeared to own the land
and to make time for settlement —

2 the town and Sigs. Keed a guard in the line and
up. Hakey and Mary at each end. The town then by
vote accepted the bounds, and Sigs. Keed conveyed
to the same — — —

June 11. 1804 the town bounds between the town of Concord
and Bedford were perambulated and renewed by Abel
Haywood Sigs. and Capt. Nathan Wood on the part of Concord
& by William. Merriam & Dea. Thad. Davis on Bedford
on the same day the bounds between the town of Bedford
and the town of Lincoln were perambulated and renewed by
William. Merriam & Dea. Thad. Davis on the part Bedford
and by Samuel Hoar Sigs. & Capt. Elijah Fitch on the part Lincoln

June 12. 1804 the town of Burlington was notified
to perambulate the line but did not attend — — —

Bedford August 27. 1804 —
The Selectmen met and laid out a town road from
the end of the old road called the Ground road to
Sigs. Keed's — on the hill a little west of Mr. Oliver
Keed, dwelling house and running on easterly by
Sigs. Keed's house and is bounded North & west by
the wall as it now stands, then from the end of the
wall on an old ditch bank to the end thereof, from
thence a straight line North east to a stake and
thence in the line between Mr. Oliver Keed & John
Keed Sigs. lands, and then turning east and
running by Sigs. Keed's land until it join the road
leading from Bedford meeting house to Lexington
said road is laid out two rods wide, and the bounds
are all on the west and North side of the road — the
damages to Mr. Oliver Keed are appraised at the
Sum of one Hundred Dollars —

At a meeting of the freeholders and other voteable
inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assem-
bled on the third day of Sept. 5. 1804 — the follow-
ing votes passed, viz. — Dea. Thad. Davis made a
motion To know how much money the town will
grant to defray the ordinary charges of the ensuing
year — voted the sum of 375 — Dollars — 2 votes
the sum of 150 Dollars to be added to a note the
town has against Charles Clark & James Thaler
son — to discharge the one half of the sum voted
to be loaned to the Rev. Samuel Stearns —

2 art. To know what method the town will take
to procure the firewood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns
this year — voted the same as last year, and chose
a Committee to procure it, viz. — Mr. James Gleason
Moses Fitch & Capt. David Keed —

3 art. To know if the town will accept of the
road as laid out by the Selectmen from the end
of the road near Mr. Oliver Keed's house & by his
house until it join the one leading from Bedford
to Lexington —

The town voted to continue the consideration of the foregoing article until next March meeting & not to know if the town will upon the desire of Mr. Jeremiah Fish allow him to put a window in to his pew in the Northwest corner of the meeting house in any part thereof — voted in the affirmative

The widow Mary Hartwell put to leave with Mr. Stephen Lane until next March meeting at 8/6. per week

At a meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of South Scituate assembled on the fifth day of November A.D. 1804 — the following votes passed — viz
Articles: for the Inhabitants to give in their votes for the Selectmen for Nineteen Decemr of President and vice President of these united States of America the votes being brought in counted & sorted & C. W. the law directs it appeared they were for the following persons — viz

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| at | John James Sullivan of Boston | by | 50 votes |
| South | Samuel Elbridge Gerry of Cambridge | by | 50 votes |
| | John David Coff of Goldborough | by | 16 votes |
| | John Oliver Windell of Boston | by | 16 votes |
| South | John James Bowdoin of Boston | by | 50 votes |
| | John John Coffin of Boston | by | 16 votes |
| South | John John Hathorne of Salem | by | 50 votes |
| | John Benjamin Goodwin of Salem | by | 16 votes |
| South | John Thomas Kitteridge of Dover | by | 50 votes |
| | John Bailey Bartlett of Haverhill | by | 16 votes |
| Middle | John James Knapp of Cambridge | by | 50 votes |
| | John Eleazer Brooks of Lincoln | by | 16 votes |
| South | Jonathan Smith of West Springfield | by | 50 votes |
| | John William Shepard of West Springfield | by | 16 votes |
| South | John Edward Upham of New Bedford | by | 50 votes |
| | John Ebenezer Matteson of Southbury | by | 16 votes |
| Plymouth | John James Warren of Plymouth | by | 50 votes |
| | John William Lever of Kingston | by | 16 votes |
| Bristol | John Josiah Deane of Raynham | by | 50 votes |
| | John George Leonard of Norton | by | 16 votes |
| Barnstable | John John Davis of Barnstable | by | 50 votes |
| | John Ebenezer Bacon of Barnstable | by | 16 votes |
| South | John Timothy Newell of Northbridge | by | 50 votes |
| | John Joseph Allen of Wrentham | by | 16 votes |
| North | John John Pitkin of Framingham | by | 50 votes |
| | John Josiah Stearns of Framingham | by | 16 votes |
| Beck | John John Bacon of Clark Bridge | by | 50 votes |
| | John David Knapton of Framingham | by | 16 votes |

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Norfolk { Hon. William Heath of Harkness by 50 votes
 { Hon. Cotton Tarble of Weymouth by 16 votes
York { Hon. John Hodgman of Paxton by 50 votes
 { Hon. John Lord of Barwick by 16 votes
Lumber { Hon. Charles Turner of Turner by 50 votes
-land { Hon. Isaac Parker of Portland by 16 votes
Kenbuck { Hon. Thomas Fillebrown of Hollis by 50 votes
 { Samuel Hilder of Hollis by 16 votes
Lincoln { John Farley Esq. of Newcastle by 50 votes
 { Hon. Thomas Rice of Weymouth by 16 votes
2 are, To give in their votes to the electors for
a suitable person to represent this district in
the Congress of these united States - the vote
being brought in & as the law directed it app-
-ared they were for the following persons - viz
Gen. George B. Varnum by 48 votes
& Timothy Pickens Esq. of Groton by 12 votes
3. To know if the town will upon the desire of
Mr. Oliver Reed make him any further
consideration for the road going through his
land - or to do any thing respecting the
town things left - the town chose a com-
mittee of three men viz. Mr. Moses Smith Esq.
John Moore and Mr. Oliver Pollard to go
to settle the matter with Mr. Reed, and
they are to report to the town at next meet-
ing, to which time the matter is continued
4. To know if the town will allow the militia office
of the town, the expense they were at, at the late meet-
ing at Chelmsford the sum of fourteen Dollars & fifteen
cents - voted in the affirmative, to allow it

March 5. 1805 - Mr. William Webber settled with the
electors in full for the sale of the wid. Hearnwell's
furniture - the sum of \$71.77

March 5. 1805 William Merriam settled with the
electors in full for property that was delivered
to him by the wid. Mary Hearnwell, prior to this date

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Qualified Voters of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the fourth day of March. A.D. 1865. the following Order passed viz: Dea. Amariah Prester Chosen Moderator

Art 1st To bring in your votes for a suitable person to be County Treasurer for this County of Middlesex for the year ensuing the vote being brought in & counted it appeared there was for Abel Flaywood Esq of Concord 42 votes. and for Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Concord 11 votes

Art 2 To give in your votes for a suitable person to be Register of Deeds for this County the vote being brought in & counted it appeared there were for Samuel Bartlett Esq of Cambridge by forty seven votes

Art 3 To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year. Town Clerk William Webber Selectmen Capt David Reed William Webber & Thompson Bacon as assessors Town Treasurer Asa Webber Esq. Collector M Asa Webber Esq. and is to be under bond to the treasurer of the town to complete the collection of his List within one year from the date of said list or lists and nothing in this limitation is to prevent the Town treasurer from giving his execution against him when ever the exigencies of the town be such as to require it and he the M Asa Webber is to have twenty nine Dollars for his services if fulfilled

Constable Elijah Putnam sworn
Timothy Jones sworn

Sydney David Lane sworn
William Porter sworn

Town Oliver Pollard sworn
viewers Ellogg Davis Jr

Field Oliver Pollard sworn
viewers Jonathan Lane sworn

Surveyors James Wright x
John Reed x

Highways Jonas Gleason x
James Webber x

Est Ebenezer Clark x
Nathaniel Wyman x

Und Phineas Chamberlain x
Solomon Lane x

Dealer of leather Capt David Reed sworn

Surveyor of Lumber Oliver Pollard sworn
dealer of weights & measures John Webber Jr sworn

Flag poles Capt David Reed x
James Webber Jr sworn

David Fitch x
Joseph Hartwell

Lincoln Blodgett

Deacons Samuel Morison x sworn
David Fitch

High wardens John Webber
William Fitch

Capt David Reed x
Lt John Fitch x

4th To know how much Money the Town will grant to repair the highways & bridges this year. Voted this sum of five hundred Dollars \$500

5th To know in what method the Town will proceed in repairing the highways & bridges this year Voted the same method as the last year

6th To know how much Money the Town will grant for the support of Schools the ensuing year Voted the sum of three hundred & thirty Dollars \$330

7th To know what Method the Town will proceed in respecting the schools the ensuing year Voted the same Method as the last year

and then chose a Committee viz Elijah Stearns Oliver Reed Jr Asa Reed Benjamin Bacon & Co & Elijah Putnam

8th To know if the Town will take any Method to prevent Heat cattle from going at large in the roads & common lands within the limits of the Town the ensuing year Voted that they shall not go at large but in all cases conform to the Law of the Commonwealth in that case made & Ordained

9th To know if the Town will upon the advice of Mr. Lincoln Stearns allow him to work out any part of his Highway Tax -

between the gate at the end of the town road and his dwelling house.
Voted that he have liberty to work out the one half of 2 Lanes and way
The continued article To know if the Town will except of the road at laid
out by the selectmen from the end of the road near Mr. Shoop's Redd House
and lay it Horse until it joins the road leading from Bedford Meeting
house to Lexington Voted in the Negative

The continued Article To know if the Town will upon the desire of Mr. Oliver
Shoop make him any further consideration for the road going through his
Land or do anything respecting it the Town thinks best The Town choose
a committee of three men viz. Mr. Moses Fitch Capt. John Ross & Oliver
Pollard to inquire to settle the matter with Mr. Shoop and to report at
next March Meeting. Voted to continue Article at next April Meeting
widow Goodale put to board with Thad^{us} Fitch till next March Meeting
for $\frac{1}{3}$ per week. Mary Harwell put to board with Solomon Lane
till next March Meeting for $\frac{1}{2}$ per week. Benjamin Davenport put
to board with Thad^{us} Fitch till next April Meeting for $\frac{1}{6}$ per week
N^m Wether 26th

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Qualified Voters of the
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally Assembled on the
first day of April A. D. 1805 the following Voted passed viz
Art. 1st To give in their votes for a Governor & a Lieut Governor for
this commonwealth for the year ensuing. Also for four mem-
bers for this district

The votes being brought in & sorted & counted it appeared there
were for Caleb Strong Esqr of Northampton by 28 votes

Governor } for James Sullivan Esqr of Boston by 24 votes

for Edward H. Robbins Esqr. of Milton by 21 votes

Lieut Governor } for William Heath Esqr. of Roxbury by 54 votes

for Aaron Hill Esqr of Cambridge by 61 votes

for William Fildes Esqr of Incent by 61 votes

for Jonathan Maynard Esqr of Frammingham by 61 votes

for Samuel Davis Esqr of Groton by 61 votes

for Ebenezer Bridge Esqr of Groton by 18 votes

for Leam^{ing} Madown Esqr of Woburn by 18 votes

for Artemus Ward Esqr of Charlestown by 18 votes

for Timothy Jackson Esqr of Newton by 18 votes

Capt David Reed Moderator

2^d at To know what method the Town will take to support the
Conlyle bridge so called the ensuing year Voted to choose a com-
mittee of three men to examine the bridge and report what is
deceasing to be done at next May Meeting the committee
Nathaniel Brown Stephen Lane & Oliver Pollard. to which
time the Article stands Adjourned

3^d at To know if the Town will upon the desire of a number of the
freeholders of the Town proceed to build a school house in the middle
of the Town legally to a former vote or do anything the Town
thinks best Voted in the Negative

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4th at To know if the Town will allow Mr. William Maxwell the sum of Thirty Dollars as extra expence for taking care of Benjamin Sanforth in his late sickness & that the selectmen settle the said account with him

5th at To know if the Town will be at the expence of a bounty for crows here caught & killed within the limits of the Town this year voted the sum of 25 cents young & old to be payed by the town after when they shall be brought to him

The continued article respecting Mr. Oliver Needles & quers voted to continue the same to Next May Meeting the care of the Meeting House committed to Enl. Phineas Chamberlain for one year he is to have - 12¹

The Selectmen Appointed Mr. Samuel Todd to be Vastor for one year Appointed Mr. John Reed to be Pound keeper for one year Benjamin Sanforth paid to be care with L^t Bradley Brown until Next March Meeting at 8/6 for meeting

Wm. Wobler & Clerk

It is a Meeting of the freeholders and other Loyalized Voters of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on the sixth day of May A.D. 1805

1st at To know if the Town will elect & defute a good and Lawfull Porten to sweep and chafe for them at the Great and General Court this present year. Voted in the Affirmative and the votes being brought in & sorted & counted it appeared they made choice of Capt^t David Reed by 52 votes of Mr. Thompson Bacon by 4 votes and of Mr. John Wobler Jr by 1 vote

Capt^t David Reed chosen Moderator

2^d at To know if the Town will except of a list of Junes as made out by the selectmen and if so to choose a committee to select out one Quarter part thereof to be put in the Juner box it voted to except of the aforesaid List & voted that the selectmen be a committee for that purpose

3^d at thrown out

4th at To know if the Town will upon the desire of Mr. James Willson Jr. allow him to build a Tomb on the Towns burying ground or do any thing they shall think best. Voted that the James Willson have liberty to build the same under the direction of the selectmen

The continue article respecting the Carlisle bridge they who have the care of the same reported that it is necessary for the Town to procure 600 feet of planks to repair a bridge. the Town voted that the committee purchase & plank & proceed to repair the bridge & voted to raise the sum of 30 Dollars for that purpose

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and that the said sum be apportioned with the one half of the said
Mr. Saml. Stearns Salary in the month of June next
The continued article respecting Mr. Oliver Deeds requires
the Town voted that they would not make him any further
consideration

Wm. Webber J. Clerk

September Meeting 1805

A Meeting of the free holders and others of the Town of Bedford, Legally assembled
on the sixteenth day of September A. 1805 Moderation
the following votes were passed. Doe Aaron Prentiss Chapen,
1st art To know how much Money the Town will grant
to defray the ordinary charges the ensuing year
Voted the sum of four hundred Dollars \$400
2^d art To know what method the Town will take to
procure the firewood for the year Mr. Samuel Stearns
the ensuing year, Voted the same as the last, and
chose a Committee for that purpose viz. Benjamin
Bacon Geo. Maser Titch & Elijah Putnam
3^d art To know if the Town will rebuild the bridge over
Champhers river on the New highway so called. Voted
to rebuild said bridge 2^d voted the sum of one hundred Dollars 100
for that purpose to be apportioned in the month of December
next 3^d Chose a committee to take the care of & build
said bridge according to their best skill & judgment
the committee Capt David Reed, Stephen Lane & Simon
Stearns

Wm. Webber J. Clerk

October 30th 1805 This day Mrs. Mary Hartwell
leaved to board with Solomon Lane, and the select-
men agreed with Mr. William Hartwell of
Charlemonst to board the said Mary Hartwell
one whole year from this date at 5/0 per week
also that J^d Hartwell convey her from this
place to Charlemonst free of any expense to
this Town, Furthermore if the J^d Hartwell does
not choose to board her. After the year is up at
the same rate per week, he is to convey her back
to this Town again free of expense to this Town
but if the this Town will not give more than
3/0 per week they are to pay for her conveyance
back again

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the 21st day of December A.D. 1802. the following votes were passed viz M^r Thompson Bacon chosen Moderator
 Act to know the mind of the Town respecting the support of M^r Josiah Davis & wife now residents in Princeton, who have become chargeable to this Town, whether they will file a complaint into the court of common pleas to be holden at Concord within & for the county of Middlesex in March next against the hindrance of said paupers for their support, and if so ~~whether~~ whether they will direct their Overseers of Poor to prosecute the same, or appoint agents in special for that purpose, or do any thing respecting the matter the Town shall think best, ~~It~~ voted in the Affirmative & voted that the Overseers of Poor prosecute the same accordingly
 Sold one Lot of Plank & Lumber brought from Carlisle bridge to James Lane for ~~Received James Lane~~ \$6-16
 Wm Webber J. Clerk

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on Monday the 3rd day of March A.D. 1806, the following votes were passed viz Capt David Reed chosen Moderator
 1st To choose a family Treasurer, the votes being brought in counted & sorted, it appeared there were for Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Chelmsford by 28 votes and for Abel Hayward Esq of Concord by 11 votes
 2^d To choose Town Officers, Town Clerk Wm Webber chosen
 Selectmen Capt David Reed Wm Webber & John Webber sworn
 Town Treasurer M^r William Sumner Collector Asa Webber sworn
 and is to be under bond to the Treasurer of the Town to complete the collection of his List within one year from the date of his List or Lists and Nothing in this limitation is to prevent the Town Treasurer from penning his executions against him when ever the exigencies of the Town or such as to require it and he the said Asa Webber is to have twenty four Dollars and twenty five cents 24^{rs} 75^{cs} for his services
 Constables Pierceon Stearns }
 Asa Mead sworn }
 Sifting men David Lane }
 William Porter }
 Viewers Thomas Bacon }
 Nathaniel Brown }
 Field James Lane }
 Oliver Holland }
 School Teacher Timothy Dodge }
 School of weight John Webber }
 Surveyors }
 of high ways }
 Elisha Stearns Esq x
 John Reed 3^d x
 James Wilford x
 John Webber Jr x
 Asa Mead x
 David Page x
 Phineas Chamberlain x
 Elisha Putnam x
 Bez }
 Assessors }
 Elisha Parish
 James Lane x
 Shadrach Davis x
 Ebenezer Clark x
 Constable Hosmer x

Dear neeces Samuel Meriam Solomon Bacon &
 Highwardens of the Town of Bedford, the following is the
 1st Article To know how much money the Town will grant to
 repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year Voted 500
 4th To know in what method the Town will repair the high
 ways and bridges the ensuing year Voted the same as the last
 5th To know how much money the Town will grant for the
 support of schools the ensuing year, Voted to continue the
 article to next April Meeting
 6th To know what method the Town will proceed in re-
 specting the schools this year, Continued to April Meeting
 7th To know if the Town will take any method to prevent
 Past Cattle & horses & sheep from going at large on the roads
 and common land within the limits of the Town the
 ensuing year Voted the same method as the last year
 Benjamin Dargatz, Mr Goodale & Abigail Johnson
 first to board with Janner Willson Jr until next March
 Meeting at 1/6 each per week. Wm Wither J. Clark

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other qualified voters
 of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the
 Seventh day of April, A.D. 1806, the following votes
 1st Article to give in their votes for a Governor, 2^d Governor
 Counsellors, & Senators for this Commonwealth and for
 this district the ensuing year. The votes being brought
 in sorted & counted, it appeared there were for the follow-
 ing Persons viz

Governor for Caleb Strong Esq of Northampton by 31 Votes
 for James Sullivan Esq of Boston — by 31 Votes
 & for Edward H. Robbins Esq of Milton by 1 Vote
 Lieut for Edward H. Robbins Esq of Milton by 24 Votes
 Governor for William Heath Esq of Roxbury by 49 Votes
 Counsellors for Ebenezer Bridge Esq of Chelmsford by 27 Votes
 & Senators for Timothy Bigelow Esq of Groton by 27 Votes
 for Artemus Ward Esq of Charlestown by 27 Votes
 for Timothy Jackson Esq of Newtown by 27 Votes
 for Aaron Hill Esq of Cambridge by 47 Votes
 for William Hilditch Esq of Danvers by 47 Votes
 for Jonathan Maynard Esq of Frammingham by 47 Votes
 for Samuel Dana Esq of Groton — by 46 Votes
 & for Francis Dana Esq of Cambridge — by 1 Vote

Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

2^d article To know what method the Town will take to
 support the Carlisle bridge the ensuing year. Voted
 the sum of two hundred Dollars 200 for that purpose, &
 that 2^d sum be assigned with the next M^o Steam salary in
 June Next. and then choose a committee of three men
 to take the care of and repairs the bridge the ensuing
 year. viz David Lane, Elisha Lane & Nathaniel Brown
 turn over

3^d article To know if the Town will (upon the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of S^d Town) build a School House in the Middle of the Town, Near the Meeting House Voted in the Affirmative, and then choose a Committee of five men to Draw a Plan of S^d House and to compute the expence thereof, and Report to the Town at Next May Meeting, the committee Dec^r And^r Preston Dr^r Shadr^r Davis, John Page, David Lane, & S^r John Sprague

4th article To know if the Town will (upon the Request of a Number of S^d Inhabitants) Procure a suitable place to convene the reading School in the center of S^d Town the ensuing Summer, Voted in the Affirmative, and that the School committee conduct the same

5th article To know if the Town will (by Order of a Number of S^d Inhabitants) Sell the old School House in the Middle of the Town; Voted in the Affirmative & Voted that the Selectmen conduct the same they accordingly proceeded to sell S^d House this day at Auction to the highest bidder, ~~Conditions of Sale~~ viz to Joshua Page for twenty one Dollars and fifty cents \$21-50 and is to have Ninety days credit with Security and is to move S^d House of the Towns Land within Ninety days

The continued article Respecting raising Granting money for the Support of Schools the ensuing year the Town Voted to raise the Sum Three hundred & thirty Dollars for that Purpose \$330-00

The continued article to know what method the Town will proceed in relating to the Schools the ensuing year Voted that the same method as the last year the reading Schools, and that the writing schools in the East & West part of the Town be kept at one and the same time and also the North & South and then choose a School committee viz Joshua Page John Webleger, Jonathan Lane, Cap^t Samuel Lane & William Hartwell — H^{on} Wither & Clerk

The Selectmen appointed Samuel Tidd Sexton the ensuing year, also appointed Samuel Tidd to be Towns keeper the year ensuing The care of the Meeting House is put to Joseph S. Stevens to Sweep & open and Shut &c through the year which he is to have three Dollars \$3-00

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other qualified voters of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Legally assembled on the fifth day of May A.D. 1806

for the following Purposes

1st article to give in their votes for a good & Lawfull person to represent them at the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Next

It was first to vote to know whether the Town would send a Representative or not; Voted in the Affirmative the votes being brought in counted & counted, it appeared there were for Capt David Reed thirty nine votes 39 and was chosen { Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

2^d article to know what method the Town will take to dispose of the Books sent to the Town called the school Book or do anything the Town think best, the Town recommended said Books to be used in their schools, and voted to sell the aforesaid Books at this time, and proceeded accordingly viz one sold to Benjamin Simonds for 20 cents one to Mr Jarner Wright for 20 cents one to Capt Lane for 23 cents one to Thomas Bacon for 23 cents one to Mrs P. Chamberlain for 23 cents one to John Hobbins for 23 cents one to Solomon Lane for 24 cents and one to Capt Wm Goodridge for 24 cents

The continued article respecting, excepting the School House Committee reports the Town voted to put off to next September Meeting, to which time the article stands continued

Wm. Hibler J. Clerk

September Meeting 1806

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Legally assembled on the first day of September A.D. 1806 the following votes were passed viz

1st article in the warrant was to know how much Money the Town will grant to defray the ordinary charges thereof the ensuing year Voted the Sum of four Hundred and fifty Dollars - - - \$450-00

2^d art to know what method the Town will take to procure the firewood for the year Samuel Stearns the ensuing year voted the same as the last, viz to choose a Committee to Purchase wood by Vendor of the lowest bidder and inspect & wood when corded up at his door

The Committee Jonas Gleason Dr. M. Fitch & Elijah Barnaby 3^d art to know if the Town will choose a Committee to wait on a Committee appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to view the expediency of straightning the road from Bedford Meeting House to Lexington line, the Town voted to choose a Committee of five Men, viz Dr. M. Fitch, Thomas Bacon, Elijah Stearns Esq & Capt David Reed Solomon Lane and Dr. Amariah Preston for that Purpose; Turn over

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September Meeting 1806 Continued
The continued article respecting building a School House in
the Middle of the Town, was again taken under Consideration
and after viewing several plans for a house exhibited by
the Committee chosen for the purpose, voted to accept of
Plan No 3 twenty nine feet long and twenty eight feet
wide & to ~~to~~ ^{build} ~~to~~ ^{and have first} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~inquire what~~
materials is best to build a house with, and what the dis-
ference, as to cost will be, between building a house with
brick or wood, and report to the Town at next November
Meeting to which time a further Consideration of the
Article is continued the Committee Thompson Bacon
Dr William Merriam John Webber Jr Dr Moses Fitch &
Chorbeed Jr
Wm Webber J Clerk

September 4th 1806 the Selectmen agreeable to
a law of this Commonwealth Doct out to the
Militia Officer of this Town 14 lb of Powder for the
use of the Company at their Regimental Muster
at Chelmsford on the 2^d day of October next

October Meeting
At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Notable
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Legally Assembled
on the 1st day of October A.D. 1806 the following Votrs were passed
1st Article in the Warrant, To know if the Town will (upon
the request of a Number of said Inhabitants) allow Mr
John Page, a front on the Common, at the south end
of the Stables that are now built or do any thing the
Town thinks best, voted in the Negative
2^d Article to know if the Town will Grant liberty to
build Stables on some convenient part of the Common
or do any thing the Town thinks best, the Town chose a
Committee of five men to let out a suitable place for
the Purpose, and report at next November Meeting
the committee Dr William Merriam James Gleason
Lincoln Stearns Solomon Lane & Oliver Stearns
Wm Webber J Clerk

October 6th 1806
The lines & bounds between the Towns of Billerica
and Bedford, were Perambulated agreed upon and
renewed, by Jeremiah Crary & Josiah Crary Jr
on the part of Billerica & William Webber and
John Webber Jr on the part of Bedford

November Meeting 1806

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other respectable
 citizens of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on
 the third day of November A.D. 1806 it being the
 first Monday in said month, the following Resolutions
 passed viz. 1st article in the warrant, to bring in
 their votes for a Representative of the People of the Com-
 monwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for
 Middlesex District, the votes being brought in counted and
 sorted it appeared there were for Joseph B. Varnum Esq
 of Braintree 4 out of 4 and for
 and for John Peter Bridge Esq of Chelmsford 12 1/2

Cap^t David Preecehacen Moderator

2nd article to know whether it be the mind of the Town
 to have the Common surveyed and lasting bound
 3rd article to know if a committee for the purpose, voted
 in the affirmative, and their instructions be the Com-
 4th article to know if the Town will charge a committee
 on a committee appointed to lay out a road
 make it that things from the 1st or Meeting the next
 Lexington line, the Town voted to choose a committee
 of five men viz Elijah Steam Esq Thompson Bacon
 Asa Barker Hayward William Porter and Lucie Lane
 5th article to know if the Town will allow the Militia of
 any part of their expenses at the Muster in bed and in
 on the second day of October, so doing being the Town
 thirteen last, the Town voted to allow them the sum of
 fourteen Dollars

6th article to know if the Town will upon the report of a committee
 of said substantially appropriate my own dollars for the use
 of teaching a singing school the singing school vote
 any thing the Town think best. Voted in the Negative

The continued article respecting building a school House
 was again taken up, the vote be reconsidered the former vote
 was in respect the majority being 10 to 10 by ballot
 built a House 26 feet by 20 feet 3rd article that the Town
 in Middlesex in Charlestown be a General Court for the
 committee appointed to inspect the building of a school
 House, to be open for a school by 14th that a committee select
 out the building House at Auction to the lowest bidder
 who is to give 100 for the full fit most money 14th that
 the place for the school House be left to the Committee
 and the street men 15th that a school House be completed
 by the first day of November next 1807 16th article
 being the sum of four hundred Dollars, and 17th article
 to have the money to be paid on the 1st day of February
 next 18th article to be paid on the 1st day of April next
 and to be paid in a ~~separate~~ separate list

The continued article respecting Noble Esquire the
 Town exempted of the the report of the committee
 on that it is most convenient to be a table on the
 side of the common by the line between the Town and
 and land of Mr Peter Bond

Wm. Webster J. Clerk

December 15th 1836. The select men settled with Mr Joshua Page
for the purchase of the old wheel house in the Middle of the town.
Received of Mr Page eight weeks board for a school Master and
House room for the school in the Middle of the town in the
Summer of 1836. The sum of four cents & 1/2 paid to Mr Page
and the remainder of being the sum of six Dollars & Eighty four cents
received in cash ————— 6-8
and converted the Money for the support of the 5th ward Pror.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the 2^d
day of March A.D. 1807 The following Order was passed viz
Samariah Prester Esq. Chosen Moderator

in the Warrant, to give in their Votes for County
treasurer, the Voter being brought in sorted & counted there
several Changes being made. Edge of Chelmsford by 31 Votes
for John L. Tuttle Edge of Concord by 16 Votes
and for Abiel Hayward Edge of Concord by 2 Votes
of the Town Officers Town Clerk William Webber, was
Salletmen David Theo Wm. Webber, John Webber & several others
Town treasurer D. M. Fitch, was

Town Treasurer Dea M. Foster, Town
Collector James Webber, Town. and is to give notice to the
treasurer to disburse the salary of his laborer, with
within one year from the date of said vote or votes, and is
to have the sum of 28 Dollars for said laborer
Gerrit James Webb, and William Hartwell, Town
Sagging, and David Lunt and Nathan H. Brown, Town
James G. Brown
And ~~the~~ James Chapman, Bacon, Colville, Putnam, Town
David Lunt, Oliver, Colville, and William Porter

Surveyors of Highways
Elijah Stearns Esq & X
Capt Samuel Lane X
Newcomb Greedy X
Michael Crosby +
Lincoln Stearns X
Nathaniel Brown +
Asa Walker X
Elisha Correy X

Surveyor of Lumber Elijah Stearns Esq
Scattered throughout the town
Hos of Stearns Esq & X
reared by Saml & Mary Stearns
Jonathan Bacon X
Dear Nathaniel Page Esq X
were as Nathaniel Brown X
Shipwrecked Capt William Briggs X

2^d to know how long the will grant to repair the high
ways and bridges; Voted that sum of five hundred Dollars
to know what method the Town will take in repairing
the Highways and bridges this year. Voted the same as the first
to know Mr. John the ed. agent to know if the Town will allow
himself to be a front on the corner on began in at the corner
of the common on the road leading to Cox's store and running
up the City by feet. Voted to have a committee of five men
to be chosen by Samuel Hartwell Wm. Porter Solomon Lane
and said Samuel Lane to confer

and the school here get into the box and report to the Town at next
 April Meeting, to which time the schoolmaster adjourned
 the next. Mary Hartwell put aboard with Elizabeth Putnam
 next March Meeting at 9 1/2 or week. Mr. Walter J. Webb
 next March Meeting for 7/6 per week. Mr. Walter J. Webb

Next April 6th 1807. David Reed, William Webb and
 John Webb Jr. Selectmen for the Town of Bedford, came
 before me and made oath that they would faithfully and
 impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all
 Elections and the returns thereof. — Elijah Stearn Jr. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Qualified Voters
 of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the
 Sixth day of April A.D. 1807. the following Votes were taken
 1st Article in the Manant, to give in their votes for a Governor and
 Lieut Governor for this Commonwealth, — the votes being brought
 in sorted and counted there were for

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|---|---|------------|
| Governor | Caleb Strong Esq. of Northampton by | 27 - votes |
| | James Sullivan Esq. of Boston by | 55 - votes |
| | Edward H. Robbins Esq. of Milton by | 1 - vote |
| Lieut Governor | for Edward H. Robbins Esq. of Milton by | 27 - votes |
| | Levi Lincoln Esq. of Worcester by | 33 - votes |
| 2 ^d article Senators & Councilors | for Aaron Hill Esq. of Cambridge by | 54 - votes |
| | Jonathan Maynard Esq. of Framingham by | 54 - votes |
| | William Hilditch Esq. of Lancaster by | 54 - votes |
| | Samuel Dana Esq. of Groton by | 54 - votes |
| | Cheney Bridge Esq. of Chelmsford by | 24 - votes |
| | Timothy Bigelow Esq. of Needham by | 24 - votes |
| | Asenath Ward Esq. of Chelmsford by | 24 - votes |
| 3 ^d Art | Timothy Jackson Esq. of Worcester by | 24 - votes |

Cap^t David Reed chosen Moderator
 To know what method the Town will take to support the school
 whether the committee voted to continue the school and the
 committee to be the same as the committee at the Meeting
 of 1806 to know how much money the Town will grant for the sup-
 port of school, the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$400.00
 To know what method the Town will proceed in relation to the
 school this year voted that each district have eight weeks
 schooling Summer and Winter, and that the school in the
 East and West parts of the Town be kept at one time and
 at the North and South. School Committee, Jonathan
 Hill, Esq. Capt. Cheney Bridge, Mr. Nathaniel Maynard
 and Dea Moses Fitts

To know if the Town will take any method to prevent persons
 that catch and keep from going at large in the sea and
 Commonwealth within the limits of the Town. Voted that
 they should not go at large this year under the
 jurisdiction of the Town.

April Meeting continued

7th To know if it be the mind of the Town to choose a committee to attend to any road or turnpike road that now may be proposed, to be laid out through the Town. the evening year voted that the selectmen be a committee for that purpose.

8th To know what method the Town will take to open the road as laid out from Bedford Meeting House to Lexington line. Voted to choose a committee of five men, to attend to the same and report to the Town Next May Meeting the committee Capt David Reed, Michael Cronby, John Brown, Bacon Oliver Reed, and Solomon Lane.

The continued article, to know if the Town will allow Mr. John Reed a front on the common, voted in the Negative. The care of the Meeting House put to Eliab Lane, to be swept six times below and three times above, to open ~~the~~ and shut the door and windows on all public occasions and clear away the snow from the door, for which service he is to have \$2-70 the selectmen appointed Mr Samuel Thos Sexton and also Townskeeper for the year ensuing Wm Wilder J. Clark.

May 4th 1807 The selectmen and the committee appointed to superintend the building the school house in the Middle of the Town, met agreeably to a vote of said Town, and agreed that said school house should be set on the northeast corner of the corner common by the northerly end to be set twenty six feet from northerly from a stake at the corner of Mr John Reed's wall by the road, and the east side parallel to said wall.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other qualified voters of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the 1st day of May 4th 1807 the following votes were taken: viz

1st and in the Warrant was to choose a representative in the General Court; the Town voted Not to send a representative for the year ensuing. Capt David Reed chosen Moderator.

The continued article, to know what method the Town would take to support the Cardville bridge; voted to choose a committee of three men for the purpose viz David Lane Nathl Brown & Solomon Lane and also voted a further sum of twenty two Dollars \$22 for the support of said bridge.

The continued art, respecting opening the road from Bedford Meeting House to Lexington line, the Town accepted the report of the committee viz to let out the making of said road at auction and choose a committee viz their three selectmen, Michael Cronby & Eliab Reed, to let out said road accordingly to the lowest bidder; also to settle with the owners of the land through which said road goes and also to give them Securities for the damages if necessary and also to superintend the making of said road, and except of the same in behalf of the Town &c. &c.

and also voted that their support for a school house as shall be authorized for the year ensuing, to be paid into the treasury by the first day of November Next.

The Town chose nine men a select committee, viz, David Reed, John Brown, J. Clark, Wm Wilder, J. Clark, &c.

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other qualified voters of the Town of Bedford, legally assembled on the 24th day of August A.D. 1807 the following votes were passed -
 Capt David Reed chosen Moderator
 The article in the Warrant, "Do burrow of the Town will give any encouragement to the soldiers that may turn out & hold them close in readiness to March at a moment's warning, agreeably to General orders, in defence of our Country for the term of six months if called for."
 The Town voted to make up to the soldiers that may voluntarily turn out in defence of our Country, fourteen Dollars per month as wages if called into actual service
 & voted to give the men ordered to be detached from Capt Linn's Company if they shall voluntarily turn out, three Dollars per man as an encouragement to the same whether they march or not
 Wm Webber J. Clerk

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on the 4th day of May A.D. 1807 David Reed William Webber John Webber Jr Michael Crosby & Elijah Stearns Esq^r were appointed a Committee to superintend the opening a road from Bedford Meeting House to Lexington line, (as laid out by the Court of Sessions) Proceeded to settle with the owners of lands through which a road is laid out
 Capt John Webber allowed by Court 40¢ but was not satisfied, the Committee agreed to give him ten Dollars more --- \$50-00
 See Wm Meriam allowed 60¢ not satisfied, but if the Town would build him two walls he would give his land, where the Committee agreed to do and receive the award --- 60-00
 John Reed allowed 60¢ not satisfied, the Committee gave him 15¢ more which the Court --- 75-00
 Thayer Reed allowed 57¢ 50 cents --- 57-50
 David Reed allowed 15¢ --- 15-00
 John Page allowed 30¢ --- 300-00
 the above amounts awarded by the Court as damages to the aforesaid persons amounts to the sum of \$ 387-50
 also succeeded & let out the making of road at Public Vendue and was struck off to David Drunk, (he being the lowest bidder at two Dollars & eighty three cents per rod, the making of road from Shawheene River to Lexington line was completed, (by Jonathan White) August 11th 1807 and accepted by the Committee, there being 170 rods at 28-83 per rod amounts to the sum of --- \$481-10
 The whole expense of the road for damages, for materials, and expense of Vendue &c amounts to the sum of \$1068-10 which sum the aforesaid have agreed on the inhabitants agreeably to a vote of said Town.
 Wm Webber J. Clerk

September 1807

At a meeting of the freeholders, and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on the 28th day of September A.D. 1807 — the following votes were passed — viz

- 1st Article to know how much Money the Town will grant to defray the ordinary charges thereof the present year — the Town granted the sum of five hundred Dollars. \$550
- 2^d Article to know in what method the Town will procure the firewood for the Pres. Samuel Stearn the ensuing year voted to choose a Committee of three men to purchase & saw at Publick Vendue, the Committee Stephen Lane Nathaniel Brown and Dea. Moses Fitch
- 3^d Article to know if the Town will grant a further sum of Money to complete their contract for building a school House in the Middle of the Town, and also purchase a stove for the same the Town granted the sum of two hundred Dollars for the purposes — \$200 to be applied in October next
- 4th Article to know if the Town will proceed to open the road as laid out by the Comtee Committee from Dea Wrights chair Home to the foot of the Hill East of Mr. Adams place, and if so, what method they will take to do the same, or do any thing they shall think best the Town passed the article without voting upon it

Wm. W. Webb & Clerk

December 14th 1807 then the Selectmen settled with William Webber respecting the sale of Shes Goodells furniture and all the sale of the timber and plank brought from Carlisle bridge, and converted the Money toward the support of the Towns Poor

At a meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1808, the following votes were passed

- 1st Article in the warrant to give out their votes for a Treasurer for this County, the votes being brought in sorted and counted, there were for John L. Foster 2 of Concord 11 votes, for Charles Bridge Esqr of Concord 7 votes & for Abiel Hayward Esqr of Concord 5 votes —

- 2^d Article to choose Town officers for the year ensuing Town Clerk, William Webber & chosen —

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| Select | David Reed & | } | Town Treasurer |
| man | William Webber & | | Moses Fitch & |
| | John Minam & | } | Constable |
| | James Brown | | Samuel Webber & |

Collector Elijah Putnam and is to give sufficient bond to the Treasurer to complete the collection within one year from the date of his entry and is to have twenty seven cents and twenty five cents per acre in various — 827 75

Francis Vickers & Nathaniel Brown & Nathaniel Page Jr & anything more & William Porter & David Lane & Field River & Oliver Pollard & Phineas Chamberlain &

Surveyor & Elijah & Stearns Esq. } Michael Crotley }
Highways { Timothy Jones & } Elijah Putnam & }
John Meriam & } Timothy Page & }
Nathaniel Page Jr & } Josiah Hill & }

Sealer of Leather } Timothy Page & } Surveyor Japhia Page & }

Sealer of weights and Measures John Webber Jr & }
Hog reeves Benjamin Bacon & Tobie de Vinard & Thomas Page & }
and the Jewish Stationers — — — — — }

Deer reeves Samuel Meriam Thaddeus Fitch & }

Fish warden Lemuel & Vinard William Page & Elazar }

Dawg? William Webber — — — — — }

3 Article To know how much Money the Town will grant to repair the Highways and bridges the ensuing year. — Voted the sum of Six Hundred Dollars — 8600 —

4 Article To know in what method the Town will proceed in repairing the highways & bridges this year Voted to allow a man twelve cents per hour that he shall work through the year and for a year of ox and cart the same rate

5 Article To know if it be the mind of the Town to choose a Committee to attend to any Road that are, or may be proposed to be laid out through the Town the ensuing year, Voted to choose a committee of five men per the Purport, viz. Thompson Bacon Elijah Stearns Esq. Michael Crotley Dr. Amos Prentiss & Mr. Father Hazen

6 Article To know if the Town will take any measures to prevent that cattle horses and sheep from going at large on the Roads and common Land within the limits of the Town the ensuing year. Voted the same restriction as the last year

7 Article Upon the Petition of Stearns against John if the Town will take any measures to support his family by reason of the insufficiency of his salary to afford him and his family a comfortable support, and grant him such relief as the Town may be found to require. and any thing reflecting it the Town shall think fit. Voted to choose a committee of 13 men to hear with the Petitioner Mr. Stearns and examine into the case and state in the article and report to the Town at the next April meeting to which time the article stand adjourned

The Committee { Dr. Amos Prentiss } David Reed
& Thompson Bacon { Michael Crotley } Oliver Reed Jr
Dr. James Wright { John Meriam } St. Mather Hazen
Dr. Meriam Fitch { E. Crotley } Josiah Hill
David Fitch Jr { David Fitch Jr } Mr. Porter
Mr. Webber & Clark

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Springfield, qualified by the Constitution to select Governor Lt Governor Councilors and Senators, legally assembled on Monday the tenth day of April A.D. 1808 it being the first Monday in June, to give in their votes for Governor Lt Governor Councilors and Senators, the votes being brought in sorted and counted it appeared there were for

1) twenty six votes — 46
 for Let. { H^{on} Levi Lincoln Esq of Worcester by 44
 yeoman { for his seven votes — 44
 H^{on} David Webb Esq of Grafton borough
 by twenty five votes — 25
 2) { For Aaron Hill Esq of Cambridge by — 44 votes
 { Samuel Dana Esq of Groton by — 44 votes
 { Amos Bronn Esq of Waterbury by — 44 votes
 { John L. Suttle Esq of Concord by — 44 votes
 { Ebenezer Fudge Esq of Chelmsford by — 26 votes
 { Artemas Ward Esq of Charlestown by — 26 votes
 { Timothy Wiggin Esq of Medford by — 26 votes
 { Timothy Packard Esq of Dedham by — 26 votes

Wrote we on April 24th 1808. Dadie Sheld and John
Hemman & Geo. Manly the son of Bidford came before
me and made oath that they would faithfully and
impartially discharge the duties of their office as judges
of elections and the return thereof. Eliza Tompkins & three

1st article is, the Warrant To know how much Money
the Town will grant for the support of Schools the en-
suing year, voted the sum of four hundred Dollars \$400
2^d article to know what method the Town will proceed in,
relating to the Schools the ensuing year voted to charge
a committee viz. Dyer, Theod. William Porter James Lane
Clement Quail Jr & Theod. Davis Jr and the Town and
James Chairman of the Committee, voted that the mi-
nister school begin about the middle of November
3^d article to know if the Town will allow Mr Joseph Hunt
William William Hartwell to work out any part of
their High way tax between their home and the road leading
to Lexington see next page

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voted they have liberty to withdraw from both of them
tax as provided for —
the continued article respecting the School Committee
again under consideration, the Town voted to accept
the report of their Committee appointed for the purpose —
viz: that the Town add the sum of three hundred dollars to
his salary, fifty dollars of which to be paid at each time-
annual payments for three years next ensuing, if he doth
continue to be the pastor of the Town so long, if not so
long, then to be paid in the same proportion for a shorter
time, they also recommended that the Town add two cords of
wood to each year above expressed.

In order of the Committee. Thompson Bacon

Thompson Bacon Clerk Pro Tem.

8, 13. The Quarter School are not to be kept but two at a time
except two weeks —

the care of the Meeting House put to Day Shelter, on the
same conditions it was let out the last year and to
have two Dollars and sixty six cents — B2-66

At a meeting of the freeholders and other estate inhabi-
tants of the Town of Bedford & legally assembled on the 12th
day of May A.D. 1808, for the purpose of choosing a re-
presentative to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be convened & holden at Boston on the last
Wednesday of the same month, it was motioned & seconded to
know if they would elect a representative or not and
passed in the affirmative, the votes being brought in
sorted & counted, there were for Capt David Reed — 30 votes,
for Thompson Bacon — 16 votes,
for John Webber — 1 vote

David Reed chosen Moderator

Q. as in the Warrant to know what method the Town
will take to support the Carlisle Bridge the ensuing
year, voted that it be assigned to the Surveyor of Highways
on that road.

John Webber J. Clerk

September Meeting 1808

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the fifth day of September A.D. 1808 the following votes were framed viz.

1st John Merriam chosen Moderator

1st Article in the Warrant was to know how much Money the Town will Grant to defray the ordinary charges thereof the ensuing year. voted the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars \$450 - 00

2^d Article to know what method the town will take to procure the fire wood for the next Samuel Shant the first year. voted to choose a committee of three men to procure wood by vendue, viz. Nathaniel Brown Dea Moses Fitch & Jonas Gleason.

3^d Article to know if the Town will accept of the five or six of Juron as made out by the Deekmen, or do any thing respecting them they shall think best the Town voted to accept said list.

Wm Webber J. Clerk

November 1808

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by the Constitution to vote for representative to the General Court. Legally assembled on Monday the seventh day of November D. 1808 being the first Monday in said Month to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district. the votes being brought in & counted there were for Joseph B. Watrum Esq^r of Braintree forty seven votes

& for Abraham Bigelow Esq^r of Cambridge by twenty six votes

1st Article to know if it be the mind of the Town to sell the Bell, and put the Money at Interest, or do any thing respecting it the Town thinks best

Capt David Breed chosen Moderator

the Town voted to choose a Committee of three men, viz David Breed Thompson Bacon & Moses Fitch to enquire and see how they can dispose of said Bell, and report to the Town at their next Town Meeting - to which time the article stands adjourned.

Wm Webber J. Clerk

December 27th 1808

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At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Tuesday the twentieth month day of December A.D. 1808, the following votes were passed viz Capt David Reed chosen Moderator.

An Article in the warrant was to know if the Town will make any compensation to the soldiers that have recently been detached from Capt Lanes Company, to hold them out in readiness to march at a moment's warning (agreeable to a late general order) in defence of our Country for the term of six months if called for, or do any thing they shall think best.

The Town voted to make them up thirteen Dollars per month as wages, during the time they are in actual service.

And to know if it be the mind of the Town to have all Town Meetings notified in future by posting up the warrants at the Meeting house. - Voted that in the affirmative viz that the Warrant be posted on the side door, and also a Note respecting the time place at each end door.

Wm Wether J. Clark

March Meeting 1809

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other notable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1809 the following votes were passed viz.

Capt David Reed chosen Moderator
And to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer the votes being brought in sorted & counted, there were for John L. Suttle of Concord 25 votes for Abel Hayward of Concord 26 votes

And to bring in their votes for a County Register, the votes being brought in sorted and counted there were for Samuel Bartlett Esq of Cambridge 51 votes.

And to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.
Town Clerk, William Wether x

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| Elect men | William Wether x | Lance Elijah Putnam x |
| | David Reed x | viewers Eliak Lane x |
| | John Merriam x | Shield Moses Sitch x Oliver Pollard x |
| Town Treasurer | Moses Sitch x | viewers Capt Samuel Lane x Michael |
| | | Crosby x Capt Ebenezer Beach x |
| Constable | James Wether x | Surveyors of Highway |
| Collector | Elijah Putnam x | Almond Sitch x |
| | is to have 29 = 75 | St. Mather Hayward x |
| | & to give bonds for the | Elijah Putnam x |
| | part of full discharge | Simon Davis x |
| | of said office | William Porter x |
| | | Samuel Hartwell x |
| | | Eliak Lane x |
| | | Michael Crosby x |
| Appraisers | John Reed Jr x | Dealer of Horses David Reed x |
| | Nathaniel Page x | Surveyor of Lumber Joshua Sitch x |
| | And 13 more persons that have two marks x | Dealer of Lumber John Wether x |
| | | fixed measures |

Medford November 7th 1708

It was requested by Michael Crosby to know if the Town
would give liberty to the inhabitants in the out skirts of
the Town to use the School House in the Middle of Town
on Sunday morn, voted ~~that~~ that the request be granted in
case they find their own fire wood, and to make good all
damages the House may sustain by its usage, and that
the House be locked ~~at~~ every night by some ~~of~~ one of the
following persons chosen for the purpose viz Capt E. Clark
Michael Crosby Benjamin Simonds John Thayer & Job Davis
Nathan Maynard, John Page, Josiah Will, Arthur Brown
& Benjamin Bacon gr

Month Meeting continued 1809

They receive Abel Ballou & Co. sholders Tax of Jonas Merriam

Art 4th to know how much Money the Town will grant to repair the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year, voted the sum of six hundred Dollars \$600-00

Art 5th to know what method the Town will Proceed in repairing the Highways and Bridges. Voted that twelve cents be allowed for a man and twelve cents for a yoke of oxen and a cart for haul through the year

Art 6th to know if the Town will allow Mr. Oliver Shedd to work out the whole or any part of his Highway taxes on the way he usually traveled from his House to the road leading from Bedford Meeting House to Lexington. Voted that he have liberty to work the whole of it taxed as he wished for

Art 7th to know if the Town will take any method to prevent Horses, Cattle and sheep from going at large on the roads and common lands within the limits of the Town the ensuing year, voted they shall not go at large except such as obtain a certificate from the selectmen

Art 8th to know if it be the mind of the Town to abate Poll taxes Bazaar taxes that are now due, and in future. Voted that the collection of said Bazaar taxes be suspended ~~for a time~~ according to the discussion of the selectmen.

Art 9th to know whether the inhabitants of this Town do approve of the proceedings of our General Government or not, agreeable to the petition for said article.

Wm. Wether D. Clerk

Tanna Lane a Negro put to board with Bradley Bowers for this time untill May meeting at \$4.50 per week

April 1809

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Councilors, legally assembled, on Monday the ~~first~~^{third} day of A.D. 1809 it being the first Monday in said month to give in their votes, Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Councilors, the votes being brought in sorted & counted, it appeared that there

For Gov. Genl. Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq. of Worcester by — 60
For Gov. Genl. Christopher Gore Esq. of Boston by — 27
For Lieut. Gov. Genl. Joseph B. Varnum Esq. of Braintree by — 58
For Sen. Genl. David Cate Esq. of Gouldsbury by — 20

For Sen. Hon. Samuel Dana Esq. of Groton by — 58
For Sen. Hon. Amos Bond Esq. of Watertown by — 58
For Sen. Hon. John L. Tuttle Esq. of Concord by — 57
For Sen. Hon. Matthew Bridge Esq. of Charlestown by — 58
For Sen. Hon. Artemus Ward Esq. of Charlestown by — 28
For Sen. Hon. John Brooks Esq. of Medford by — 28
For Sen. Hon. Timothy Sackman Esq. of Newton by — 28
For Sen. Oliver Prescott Esq. of Groton by — 28

Bedford Town Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of ^{the} Town assembled on the Sixth day of March 1809 At ^{the} W^m Webster Town Clerk on the article in the Warrant to see if the Town do approve the measures of our general Government Capt Davis, being chosen Moderator, the Town voted to choose a Com^{tee} of five men viz. Thompson, ^{Bacon} W^m Merriam, David Reed, John Merriam, and Sam^l Heartwell (and adjourned to meet at the house of ^{the} the wid. Chamberlain) to draw up Resolutions appropriate to the occasion at which time the Town met and the following Preamble and Resolutions were reported and adopted with but one or two dissenting votes and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and handed to be printed in the Republican paper throughout the State viz —

At this eventful crisis presenting innovations which the history of Nations furnishes no parallel and which we hope ~~never~~ will never be again experienced, when the Belligerents in their mad career for domination, leaving all bounds heretofore governing warring Powers, ^{have} involved the commerce of neutrals in ruin and destruction, in fine when many of our Citizens, ^{from} their Chagrin in being rotated from the management of our political concerns in order to regain their former position are insidiously — by declaiming against every measure our Government are taking to restore to our commerce that justice which the United States have a right to expect. ^{at such a crisis} ~~under such circumstances~~ we think it our duty to express our sentiments, therefore,

Resolved, that we view the Orders of Council, and Decrees of the Belligerents, as wanton violations of the Laws of Nations, and highly degrading to Courts having any pretensions to Justice and civilization. —

Resolved, that it would be dishonorable, for the United States to prosecute commerce under the Orders in Council of Great Britain or the Decrees of France as it would be inviting them to continue their hostility to each other as a pretext to rob neutrals —

Resolved, that we view the Embargo as growing out of the Orders and Decrees of the Belligerents, as the only alternative when adopted to prepare for a more efficient mode of resistance (should the powers be deaf to the voice of Justice) and when our Government shall have prescribed it, we pledge our lives and our property to render it in the highest degree successful,

addrs. highly recommen

Resolved that it is with infinite concern we see a resolution emanating from the ~~senators~~ of this State denouncing all good Citizens who shall assist in putting the late Laro in execution as enemies to their Country. (we think this epidemic of Lentionous^{ness} must soon wither under the sun of Liberty) such conduct holds an idea to the Powers who long us that we are a divided People; that a Republican Government cannot be ~~supported~~ maintained because there is no specific line between Liberty and Lentionousness; of course it must crumble to atoms the veracity of its citizens will not bear those privations necessary for its support.

Resolved, that we do not recommend Legislative interference in powers exclusively delegated to Congress: if ~~not~~ practiced, this nation will present the picture of an Hydra, not of the Union which ~~the~~ ^{our} ~~Washington~~ ^{Washington} in his validatory ~~and~~ bids us: frown indignantly upon the first slawings of every attempt to alienate one portion of our Country from the rest; or to infuse the saved ties which now link together its various parts; W.E. feel complete oculation seeing our Legislature consider themselves as States, Legislature thereof, and the PEOPLE.

Resolved. that we view the conduct of Titus Pickens ^{in his} letter writing against our Government (not his) under the same Parallel of Latitude with his tardy movement on the 19th day of April 1775 viz 51 deg. 30 min. North* not an unfit place for his residence; nor for those Priests who by their libellous ~~publications~~ ^{are} and inflammatory publications, endeavoring to remove the seat of our Government thither.

Resolved that we feel emotion, ^{of gratitude} better conceived than expressed, for the patriotic example of John Adams, ^{our late President} John Q. Adams the enlightened Statesman (who in his answer to Pickens's infamous Letter, has beside other interesting matter, given us so accurate an account of the suffering of our seamen impressed on board British Ships of war, at which ^{our} blood thrills in our veins ii) and William Gre, the first merchant in this state, that they have united their talents in their Countries cause against foreign aggression and domestic faction, their example is a light sufficient to enlighten and turn many from ^{the error of} federal, to true republican principles.

signed By order Thompson Baron Chan

* one of the federal gentlemen very modestly ^{present at the meeting} asked why 51° 30' North? A ~~foreigner~~ ^{person} who was ^{present} answered ~~that~~ ^{that} is the latitude of London: ~~in~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~place~~ ^{place} of order, for a moment.

April Meeting continued

Middlesex April 3^d 1809 - William Webber, David Reed & John Merriam, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, came before me & made oath that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all elections & the actions thereof.

Wm Webber J. Clerk Elijah Stearns Justice peace

Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

- 1st Art - To know how much Money the Town will grant for the support of Schools the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$400
- 2nd Art To know what method the Town will proceed in relating to the Schools the ensuing year. Voted that there be six weeks Mens or writing School ^{to} kept in each School House in the Winter season, and the remainder of the Money be expended for the Woman or reading School in the Summer, so that all the schools close by the first day of April Next. - the Committee were Samuel Stearns Chairman David Reed, Phereben Reed, John Reed 2^d, Elijah Putnam & Michael Crosby.
- 4th Art To know if the Town will allow Daye shelter hire charge for the support of Hannah Lane (a pauper) as since the 18th of January last. or do any thing respecting the case they may think best. Voted to leave the article to Selectmen discretionary. - -

The continued article respecting the Bell was continued to Next May Meeting - - - - - Wm Webber J. Clerk

Five cone of the Meeting house put to Jenee Robertson, to sweep and clear away the snow &c &c - - - - - \$3.00

May Meeting 1809

At a meeting of the freeholders and other, notable in habitant of the Town of Bedford, Legally assembled on the 8th day of May A.D. 1809. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & holden at Boston on the last week of July of the same month. it was motioned & seconded to know whether the Town would elect a representative or not, and passed in the affirmative. The voting being in the following manner. For Wm Webber thirty seven votes 37 for Thomas Brown thirty four 34

2^d Article in the warrant was to know if the Town will proceed to make the road as is out by a board committee for a highway from the Church house to the foot of the hill east of St. John's Church, or do anything they shall think best. the Town chose 2^d but the Surveyor for the road, in case it can be done free of any expense to the Town. By inviting each of the Surveyors of high ways, to bring in as many hands as they can obtain, at any time, it shall be thought best. -

The continued article respecting the Bell again under consideration the Town voted to sell the Bell & put the Money upon interest until they shall want to purchase a new one and chose a committee for the purpose viz. Elijah Stearns Esq Capt David Reed, & John Merriam. The Selectmen appointed Mr Nathaniel Brown & David Reed for the present year. Wm Webber J. Clerk

September Meeting 1809

At a Meeting of the ^{votable} inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
 Legally assembled on Monday the 4th day of September
 A.D. 1809 the following votes were passed. viz;
 the 1st article in the warrant was to know how much
 money the Town would grant to defray the ordinary charges
 the ensuing year, John Merriam chosen Moderator
 Vote name the sum of three hundred Dollars \$300-00
 the 2^d article to know in what method the Town will
 procure the fire wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the ensuing
 year, voted ~~that~~ to choose a committee of three men to
 purchase the wood by vendue, viz; Mr. Thompson Bacon
 Capt. Elijah Whinnam & Mr. Solomon Lane.
 Wm Webber T. Clerk

March Meeting 1810

Middlesex Co. formerly within a Constable of the County of Bedford
 in said County.

Greeting
 In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 you are hereby required to summon & notify the free-
 holders and other inhabitants of said qualified to vote
 in Town Meetings, viz; such as pay some single ~~tax~~
 tax besides the poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds
 of a single Poll tax. to assemble at the New School House
 in said Town, on Monday the 5th day of March A.D. 1810
 to act upon the following articles viz;
 Art 1st To choose a Moderator. Capt. David Reed chosen for the purpose

Art 2^d To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for the County
 of Middlesex. votes being brought in said County
 there were for Abiel H. H. 34 votes
 for John A. Little 19 votes
 for John A. Little 19 votes

Art 3^d To choose Town officers.
 Town Clerk Wm Webber x
 Selectmen William Webber x
 John Merriam x
 Stephen Reed x
 Town Assessors
 Town Treasurer David Little x
 Constable James Webber x
 Collector David Little x
 it is to have for Dennis
 \$30-00 is also to clear out
 with the Treasurer with
 in one year from the date
 of his death to give bonds
 for the faithful discharge of
 his trust.
 Tything James Robinson x
 men John Page x
 James Goodridge x
 Viewers Stephen Lane x
 Trialer Oliver Peabody x
 drivers Tim. Shinnaman x
 Surveyors Nathl. Page jr. x
 High John Reed x
 ways Capt. E. Pictoriam x
 James Robinson x
 Wm Goodridge x
 Rebedee Simonds x
 Eliab B. Lane x
 James Gleason x

s. color & leather, Jesse Robinson & Surveyor & Lumber John Page
scales & weights and measures John Webber &
Hog reeves C. Christ Page & Wm Hartwell & Jno. Kimman &
Joseph Brown &

Art 4th To know how much Money the Town will Grant
to repair the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year
Voted to raise the sum of ————— \$ 600 = 00

Art 5th To know what method the will proceed in, in re-
pairing the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year.
Voted to allow to a man ten cents per hour and for a
yoke of oxen and a cart ten cents per hour through the year.

Art 6th To know if the Town will take any method to prevent
Hunt cattle Horses & Sheep from going at large on the High-
ways & common lands within the limits of the Town the
ensuing year Voted that they should not go at large.

Art 7th To know if the Town will appoint an agent to present
to attend the Court of Common Pleas to answer town
indictment against the inhabitants of this Town.
Voted to appoint three men for the purpose viz Thompson
Hacon, Capt. David Reed & Michael Crosby.

Art 8th To know if the Town will build a House to cover the Horse
which is given to the Town by Mr Wm Page.
Voted in the affirmative, and that the selectmen be a
committee to let out said House at auction to the lowest
bidder, and the House be set in the south west corner of
the burying Ground.

Art 9th To know if the Town will pass a vote that all duties
in future be executed by the Constables, Mollifying the
Town Clerk and selectmen, voted in the affirmative.

Wm Webber J. Clark }

Wm Webber { Selectmen
David Reed
John Kimman }

March 5th 1810 The selectmen agreed to a vote
the Town proceeded and let out at auction the building
of the Horse House, and it was struck off to J. P. Kimman
for \$48.50. He being the lowest bidder. Conditions
of the House, to prepare the ground and masonry. The
House is to be 16 feet long & 10 feet wide, posts 6 feet
high to be built with good materials, the boards are to
be planed. The house is to be painted however. The
door is to be hung with hooks & eyes, with a lock. The
and is to be completed as soon as may be convenient.

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December 1st 1809, the Committee appointed by
the Town on the 8th day of May 1809, to sell the Bell
procured and sold the Bell for the sum of one hundred
dollars, and loaned the money to Elijah Stearns Esq &
Michael Crosby jointly & severally with Interest for
which sum the Treasurer holds their Note for \$400
- was then bearing date December 1st 1809.

April Meeting 1810

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor
Senators and Councillors, legally assembled on the second day
of April, 1810 being the first Monday in the month for the
purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor
and four Senators & Councillors. The votes being brought in
and counted, it appeared there were given as follows viz.

For Christopher Gore Esq of Boston twenty eight votes 28
For Elbridge Gerry Esq of Cambridge sixty eight votes 68
For Edmund Burke Esq of Bedford one vote 1
For Lieut Governor
For David Cobb Esq of Goudsborough twenty eight votes 28
For William Gray Esq of Boston sixty six votes 66
For Michael Crosby of Bedford one vote 1
For Senators and Councillors
For Samuel Dana Esq of Charlestown fifty eight votes 58
For John L. Suttle Esq of Concord fifty six votes 56
For Amos Bond Esq of Watertown fifty eight votes 58
For Matthew Bridge Esq of Charlestown fifty eight votes 58
For Timothy Jackson Esq of Newton twenty eight votes 28
For Oliver Prescott Esq of Boston twenty eight votes 28
For Joseph Hurd Esq of Charlestown twenty eight votes 28
For Joseph Locke Esq of Billerica twenty seven votes 27

Resolved for April 2 1810 William Webster
John Merriam & John Street Esq. Clerks of the Town
of Bedford came before me and made Oath that they
would faithfully & impartially discharge the duty of
their office respecting all Elections and the returns
thereof. ————— Elijah Stearns put it all

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
Bedford qualified to vote in a Town Meeting, legally
assembled on the 2nd day of April A.D. 1810. The follo-
wing votes were handed in:

1st In the warrant was to raise a Moderator

2nd It was found that a Treasurer was desired

3rd It was known how much money the Town will grant for
the support of schools the ensuing year.

Ordered the sum of four hundred dollars \$400-00

At a known what method the Town will proceed in
 relating to the schools the ensuing year.
 voted that two of the quarter schools begin first and at the
 same time, and that the Middle District begin when said quarter
 are half done, and the other quarter begin when the two first
 are half done, so that the quarter schools will be both in the
 first and second quarters, and that the same on the two last quarters.
 also voted that ~~there be~~ seven weeks men school and
 twelve weeks women school in each school house in the Town.
 also voted a committee to provide for said district and to have
 David Reed, Nathaniel Page, Jr., David Linnell, and Saml. Lane
 and Samuel Hartwell.

At a known if the Town will accept of a road or highway as
 laid out by the selectmen through the parish Hills land in
 view of the above vote to ~~accept~~ in the affirmative.
 We the subscribers selectmen of the Town of Newburyport are
 laid out a road or Highway through the parish Hills land
 as follows viz. Beginning at a stake & stone on the road
 leading from Newburyport to Billerica by a hill, bearing south
 west from S. Hill's house, thence running through S. Hill's ~~land~~
 field and wood land to a stake & stone, by the road leading from
 S. Hill's house to Billerica, said road is laid out five rods wide, and
 it borders are on the Easterly side of S. road.
 December 12th 1809
 Wm. Webber } Selectmen
 David Reed }

At a known what method the Town will take to repair the road
 from the Court House to Little Bridge, &c., the Town
 granted the sum of two hundred dollars - \$200.00
 for the purpose to be assessed in June next with the other
 Mr. Whamsey and appointed a committee three men to set
 out the repairs, to run to the lowest bidder on Chipchamene by
 John Reed & J. J. Frost, and Preston. - we also voted that
 the article be continued to next May Meeting for further
 consideration.
 Wm. Webber J. Clerk
 The case of the Killing House put to Joshua Page, to look and
 inquire what the evidence was, as usual and the sum \$50.
 for which he is to have - \$50.00

At a meeting of the freeholders & others in habit and
 of the Town of Newburyport, and qualified by the Constitution to
 vote in the choice of Representatives, legally assembled on
 Thursday the 3^d day of May 1810. for the purpose
 of electing a suitable person to represent them in the
 Legislature of this Commonwealth, appointed to be an
 assessor at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next
 the ^{voters} being brought in sorted & counted and indicated
 there were for William Webber thirty two votes 32
 & Thompson Bacon twenty six votes 26
 the result as appears to Saml. Tilden for the year 1810
 Wm. Webber J. Clerk

Wm. Webb, Clerk of the Town of Hingham
in said County.

Greeting
You are hereby required, in the Name of the Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts to command & notify the free-
holders & other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by
law to vote in Town Meetings, viz: such as pay their
single tax besides the poll or poll tax, a sum equal to
two thirds of a single poll tax, to assemble at the meet-
ing house in said Town on the tenth day of September
or Next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the
following article viz:

Art 1st To know how much Money the Town will grant
to defray the ordinary charges thereof the ensuing year
Art 2^d To know what method the Town will take to pre-
-vent the fire wood for the Poor. & amount thereof the ensuing
year.

Hereof I do certify and make return of this warrant
with your name to the clerk of the Court at the
time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Boston this
twenty third day of August A.D. 1810.
William Webb }
John Merriam } Selectmen
John Needham }

Pursuant to the above said warrant I have summoned
and notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified
as there is expressed to assemble at the time & place
for the purposes therein mentioned.

Bredford August 31-1810. James Webb Clerk
The Town then proceeded to act upon the articles
in the foregoing warrant viz: -

Art 1st To know how much Money the Town will gra-
-nt to defray the ordinary charges thereof the
ensuing year. \$300
Voted to raise the sum of three hundred dollars

Art 2^d To know what method the Town will take
to prevent the fire wood for the Poor amounting
the ensuing year. Voted to choose a Committee
of three men to purchase the wood at Auction viz:
Capt David Isaac Doa. Messrs Fitts and
Cns John Merriam

November Meeting 1810

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford qualified by the Constitution
to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General
Court, Legally assembled on Monday the 5th Day
of November A.D. 1810, being the first Monday
in said month, for the purpose of giving in their
votes for a Representative in the Congress of the
United States for the Middlesex district.
the votes being brought in sorted and counted
there were for Joseph B. Varnum Esq of Braintree
by forty four votes - - - - - 44 votes
and for Lamm Baldwin Esq of Cambridge
by Eighteen votes - - - - - 18 votes
Wm Webber J. Clerk.

Bedford December 31st 1810

Received of the Town of Bedford by the hand of Dea.
Moses J. Pitts. Town Treasurer the sum of Seventy
Dollars & eight cents, it being the sum of the
principal & interest on a bill of exchange for three
hundred pounds, principal with the interest from
July 1st 1774 to December 31st 1810, amounting
to the whole sum of £70.18 - being the amount
arising from the effects of the bequest of Lane
Deceased, and lodged in the Treasury of the Town
which I promise to account to his legal heirs
with interest. -
Janas Lane
Jan 18.

Attest George Foster

Bedford 25th Jan. 1814

Received of Mr. Webber, a receipt which Janas Lane
gave to him for £70.18, as may be seen by the above
written which is a copy of said receipt. -
John Kelley

Middlesex Bedford April 4th 1805
Taken up by Capt. Thinehas Chamberlain on the Highway
and shayed, as the law directs, a dark brown Horse, with a
small star in the face, the left hind foot white. Supposed
to be about ten years old. W^m Webber Town Clerk

Middlesex Bedford May 7th 1805
Taken up by Jonathan Lane, on the Highway, and shayed
as the law directs, a sorrel Mare light Manned tail & white
feet the hoofs of her fore feet both split a small star in her
forehead. Supposed to be about four years old
W^m Webber Town Clerk

Middlesex Bedford July 14th 1807
Taken up by Elisha B. Lane on the Highway in d Town
and shayed as the law directs a dark bay Horse. Has a
star on the left hind foot, supposed to be six years old
W^m Webber Town Clerk

Middlesex Bedford November 9th 1810
Taken up by Thaddeus Fitch, in his Barn yard,
a small light bay mare, supposed to be three
years old past, dark mane legs & tail with a white
spot on the forehead. trot all, & shed all round
W^m Webber Town Clerk

Bedford June 25th 1811
Taken up by Capt Ebenezer Clark in his
inclosure a bay mare. black mane & tail, four
white feet, and a white streak in the face. Sup-
posed to be eight years old. W^m Webber J. Clerk

Bedford August 12th 1811
Taken up by Samuel Merriam on the high way
and shayed, a red heifer supposed to be two
years old past, gives milk with three teats only.
W^m Webber J. Clerk

Bedford October 11th 1812
Taken up and shayed, by David Fitch, a yearling Horse
speckled, or red & white, both ears split & a star in the forehead
and white legs.
W^m Webber J. Clerk

Bedford September 12. Taken up by Elisha B. Lane
white mare with a split in the right ear. W^m Webber J. Clerk

March 2nd 1811

Middlebury for James Webster a Constable of the Town & County in said County

In the Name of the Commonwealth of New Hampshire, we the undersigned Justices of the Peace for said County, do hereby require to qualify and swear the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in said County, viz. such as pay to one single poll tax besides the Poll tax poll a sum equal to three times that of a single poll tax, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 4th day of March Next at one O'clock in the afternoon to consider and act on the following articles viz:

- Art 1st To give their votes for a treasurer for this County (Middlebury) the ensuing year
- Art 2^d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County
- Art 3^d To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing
- Art 4th To know how much Money the Town will grant to repair the high ways and Bridges the ensuing year
- Art 5th To know in what method the Town will proceed in repairing the high ways and Bridges the year ensuing
- Art 6th To know if the Town will take any method to prevent past cattle horses & sheep from going at large on the roads and common lands within the limits of the Town
- Art 7th To know if the Town will allow L^t Eleazer Brownson the wife Phoebe Sprague and John Shee to be a M^d of a district to work their highway taxes in future.

We do hereby certify that a true and correct return of this warrant with your doing thereunto in pursuance of the Statute in this behalf made is given under our hands & seals at Middlebury this 14th Feb^y 1811
Wm. Webber
John Hemm
John Shee

Recd Feb 24 1811

Whereas the within warrant is now in force and in full force the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place for the purpose therein mentioned

March 4th 1811 The Town Meet agreeably to the foregoing warrant as acted upon the said article in & acted therein as follows viz:

Art 1st To give in their votes for a treasurer for this County (Middlebury) the ensuing year, the votes being brought in sorted and counted when over for
John L. Tuttle Esq of Concord fourteen votes 14 votes
Abiel Heywood Esq of Concord twenty nine votes 29 votes

Art 2^d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County, the votes being brought in sorted and counted when over for
John L. Tuttle Esq of Concord
forty nine votes 49 votes
came over

Art 3 To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing
 Town Clerk William Webber sworn

Selectmen
 William Webber
 John Harrison
 John Shedd Jr
 Thompson Bacon
 Elijah Putnam

Sything men
 Michael Gentry
 James Lane sworn

Home viewers
 Nathaniel Page sworn
 Elijah Putnam sworn

Town Treasurer
 Moses Fitch sworn

Field drivers
 Moses Fitch sworn
 David Sweet sworn

Constable
 James Webber

Surveyors of Highways

Collector David Fitch Jr
 is to have 30 dollars for
 his services & is give bonds
 for the faithful performance
 of said duty and is to collect
 complete the collection of the
 whole sum from the sale of
 land & to deposit the fees
 for said service
 Sworn

C. David Shedd x
 D. William Davis x
 Oliver ~~Shedd~~ x
 Eliab Bullock x
 Solomon ~~Shedd~~ x
 Joseph Knott x
 James Bacon Jr x
 Francis Willson x
 Eleazer Davis Jr x
 Timothy Lane x
 Sealer of leather
 Timothy Page sworn

My ever dear friends
 Moses Fitch Jr x
 James Putnam x

Surveyors of Lumber
 Eliab Bullock sworn
 Sealer of wax & tallow
 John Webber sworn

Art 4 To know how much money the town will grant
 to repair the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year
 Voted the sum of six hundred dollars \$600.00
 Art 5 To know what method the town will proceed in
 repairing the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year
 Voted that there be allowed to a man ten cents per hour
 that he shall work & ten cents per hour for a goat or
 ox and a cart while in use

Art 6 To know if the town will take any method to prevent
 Neat cattle horses & sheep from going at large on the
 waste and common lands within the limits of the
 town the ensuing year Voted that they be ~~that~~
 restrained under the restrictions of the law

Art 7 To know if the town will allow Elazar
 Davis & son with their shingling and John Shedd Jr
 to be set off as a district to work their highway
 taxes in future Voted in the affirmative for
 one year
 Wm Webber J. Shedd

The Town Meeting April Meeting 1811 Continued
Article 2^d To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 3^d To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 4th To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 5th To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 6th To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 7th To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 8th To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Article 9th To choose a committee to provide for and inspect the same
for the year 1811. The Town will grant
for the year 1811 the sum of \$400.

Wm Wobber & Clark

W. Wobber
J. Clark
J. Wobber
J. Wobber
J. Wobber

The select men of the town of the meeting house
to Samuel Thorsdall for \$2.00
also appointed W. Thorsdall and David Thorsdall
also appointed Samuel Dild Saxton

May Meeting 1811

Middlesex Co. To James Webster a Constable of the town of Bedford
Greeting

- (3) You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify & warn the Male inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one years of age & resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a free hold estate within said Town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the next session of the General Court appointed to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of May A.D. 1811. — —

Sheweth said not and make return of this warrant with you doing thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting
 Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this seventeenth day of April A.D. 1811
 William Webster } Selectmen
 John Reed Jr }
 Elijah Putnam

Bedford May 29th 1811

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned the male inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place for the purpose therein mentioned
 James Webster Constable

May 6th 1811 the inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled agreeably to the foregoing warrant for the purpose of choosing a Representative, the votes being brought in and counted there were for William Webster 41 votes in which for Thompson Bacon Esq. — — 3 votes
 for Capt David Reed — — 3 votes
 & for Benjamin Dimonds — — 1 vote

The Town then proceeded to act upon their article, continued from April meeting to this time
 Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

1st The Continued article respecting the draining the road from the Middleborough to North Scituate, Nov 6th 1810
 The Selectmen met agreeably to article of the Town in which it was ordered the road as follows viz, beginning at a place called Stone by a pair of bars in John Reed's land on the East side of the road near Jacob Probbins's, thence running to a place called by the brook above the west side of the road, beginning at a place called Stone, on the corner of Dea James's wood, thence with a circular line to a place called Stone, to a place called Stone by the road near Jacob Probbins's, all which is to be done free of expense to the Town.
 The Town voted to accept of the foregoing article.

May Meeting continued

The continued article respecting Mr. Maxwell's petition the Committee reported that in their opinion that it is not expedient for the Town to take any further measures on the subject.

The continued article respecting the Pres. Mr. Samuel Stearns salary. The Town voted to accept the report of their Committee which is as follows viz:

Wm Webber & Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of New Bedford on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1811 —

The sixth article in the warrant was to know if the Town will continue the addition to the Pres. Mr. Stearns salary as it has been for three years past or do any thing they may think best who to choose a committee five persons to confer with the Pres. Mr. Stearns on the subject and report to the Town at next May Meeting. Your Committee have attended to the business assigned them and beg leave to report as follows

Whereas the Pres. Mr. Stearns salary as heretofore established by stipulation does not afford him & his family a comfortable support your Committee recommend to suspend the stipulation and for the future the Town to give the Pres. Mr. Stearns the sum of Five hundred and sixty dollars per year, so long as he shall continue to be our Minister, and to be paid semi annually as heretofore — and whereas the Town in their first offer to Mr. Stearns did offer him the sum of one hundred pounds annually on stipulation and eighteen cords of wood, or one hundred pounds without stipulation and twenty cords of wood, and as your Committee, recommend to suspend the stipulation for the future, your Committee also recommend that the twenty cords of wood be continued and carried to the Pres. Mr. Stearns as usual, so long as he shall continue to be our Minister — All which is humbly submitted by

Amariah Preston
Moses Fitch
Solomon Lane
John Merriam
Oliver Reed Jr

} Committee

The Town also voted that the same Committee present the report as accepted by the Town to the Pres. Mr. Stearns for his concurrence or nonconcurrence and return his answer to the Town Clerk to be recorded there with

Wm Webber & Clerk.

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford.
Brethren and friends.

Whereas you have been pleased to present me by your Committee with certain proposals relative to my salary for the purpose of securing to me a more comfortable support for myself & family in future, & to request of me an answer to the same. — I beg leave through the ^{body} to transmit to you the following —

It has ever been with extreme regret I have found myself obliged to complain for want of support, nor have I done it till imperious necessity has driven me to the measure. Considerations of a pecuniary nature though important in their place have never been, I confidently hope my leading motive either in engaging or continuing in the work of the Ministry among you. Such a support as would make me comfortable & enable me to pursue, free from perplexing embarrassments, the great object of the Ministry, has been, & is now, the extent of my expectations in this regard. Earnestly hoping that the salary which the Town has now offered me may afford such support. — I feel a cheerful readiness to make the trial, and do hereby signify my gratefull acceptance of their offer. Though I have ever been in some measure partial to the stipulation formerly agreed upon between me & the Town, and for reasons here before assigned, yet as it appears to be the desire of the Town that it should in future be laid aside, I shall readily acquiesce; & expect hereafterward to receive of the Town the sum of five hundred & sixty dollars & twenty cords of good fire wood, delivered at my door, as a yearly salary during my Ministry among you. —

And now, Brethren, permit me to tender my you my unfeigned thanks for the voluntary & benevolent attention you have paid to this business. I pray God it may return into your own bosoms an hundred fold — and allow me to hope that it will be productive of no unhappy dissensions among you, which must not only detract from the pleasure which it is otherwise calculated to afford, but eventually frustrate the object it was intended to promote. Wishing you every needed blessing in this world & a future, & asking an interest in your success, that by this recent testimonial of Christian & friendly consideration I may be excited to increasing faithful ness in the service of Christ and your souls — I subscribe your devoted Minister & servant
in the Lord —

Bedford June 20th 1811. —

Samuel Stearns, —

September 1811.

Middlesex To James Wilbourn a Constable of the Town of B. of ...
in said County greeting

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts, to Summon & Notify the freeholders & other inha-
 bitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings, &c.
 Every male citizen of this Commonwealth, of twenty one years
 & upwards, who has resided in said Town for one year next pre-
 ceding, and not supported by the Town, and has been taxed for
 his poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the Town
 to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second
 day of September next, at three o'clock P. M. to consider and act
 on the following articles viz:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
 Art 2^d To know how much Money the town will want to
 repay the ordinary charges thereof the ensuing year —
 Art 3^d To know what method the town will take to procure
 the firewood for the School; At Stearns the present year —
 Art 4th To know if it be the mind of the town to choose a Committee
 to examine the towns expensures and the selectmens accounts
 thereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings
 thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of a meeting —
 Given under our hand & seal at Bedford this Nineteenth
 day of August 4. 1811. — William Webber
 John Harrison } Selectmen
 John Reed }
 Thompson }
 The foregoing was read by James Webber
 Confirmed

September 2^d 1811 the town met agreeably to the foregoing warrant, and passed the following order viz;

At 1st was to choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
 Thompson Bacon Esq was chosen a Moderator
 At 2^d to know ~~what~~ much money the will Grant to defray
 the ordinary charges thereof the ensuing year —

The town voted the sum of three hundred dollars \$300.
Artg. to know what method the town will take to pro-
— cure the fire wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the present
year. Voted the usual method viz one of our parish clerks
— viz. B. J. Stearns & Co. to purchase Bacon by a committee
for the purpose

for the purpose
 on 4th to know if it be the mind of the town to have a
 committee to examine the towns expenditures & select
 - one accounts, voted in the affirmative, also that it be
 the duty of the selectmen to exhibit an account of the
 whole of the towns expense at September Meeting
 annually - - - - - Wm. Wether J. Clark

W^m Weber J. Clerk

September 23rd 1811.

Middlesex: To James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said County

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the inhabitants of said town
qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of the
Commonwealth, viz: the Male inhabitants of said town being turn
by one year of age & residents in said town for the space of one year
next & preceding, having a freehold estate within the town of the
annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty
pounds, to assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday
the twenty third day of September Next at three O'clock in the
afternoon, to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Repre
sentative for Middlesex district, to be present there in the Con
gress of the United States of America in the Room of Joseph B.
Varnum Esq who has vacated his seat in the House of Represen
tatives, by accepting a seat in the Senate of the United States &
Hereof fail Not to make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon under our hands & seals at Bedford this tenth day of
September A.D. 1811.

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
John Reed jr }
Thomas Bacon }
Elijah Putnam }

Bedford September 16th 1811.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned the
Male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to
meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.
James Webber Constable.

September 23rd 1811. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant
the Inhabitants of said town met for the purpose therein mentioned.
The votes being brought in sorted and counted there were
For John L. Tuttle Esq of Concord thirty one votes - 31.
For Lemmon Watson Esq of Cambridge twenty votes - 20.
Wm Webber T. Clerk

November 1811

① Middlesex st; To James Webster a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County. Greeting
② You are required in the Commission of the Sherriff of the County of Bedford,
and warn, the inhabitants of said Town duly qualified to vote for
③ representative in the General Court of said County on Wednesday, 14th
④ the Male inhabitants of said Town of Bedford, being twenty one
years of age, & resident in the town for the space of one year
next preceding, having a freehold Estate within the said town of the
annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of six
pounds; to assemble at the Meeting House in Bedford on
Monday the fourth day of November next at three o'clock P.M.
for the purpose of giving in their votes for representative people
Middlesex Circuit, to represent them in the Congress of the United
States of America in the room of the Hon. Joseph Bradley
Tamm Esq. who has vacated his seat in the Senate of the United
States by accepting a seat in the Senate of the United
States.

And upon the request of a Number of the inhabitants of said Town
to know if it be the mind of the town to raise a sum of money
to defray the expense of a new school the undersigned write
or doing anything respecting it the town thinks best
should be done & have been of this was said with the view of the
interest of the school by the town of Bedford.

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 28th 1811.
Bedford October 28th 1811.

James Webster
John Kimball
Elijah Butler

Thus warrant to the within warrant &

have summoned & notified the inhabitants

& said Town qualified as there is expressed to assemble at the

time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned J. Webster Constable

November 4th 1811. agreeably to the foregoing warrant the
inhabitants qualified as therein expressed assembled and
brought in their votes & being seated & counted
The votes for William W. Kimball Esq. of Great 41 votes

for Rev. Samuel Butler of Littleton 5 votes

for Leamon Baldwin Esq. of Cambridge 19 votes

for Abraham Ripley Esq. of Cambridge 1 vote

The second article respecting raising money for a new
school, the town voted to raise the sum of \$750.00
and chose a Committee viz; Rev. Samuel Stearns, Dr. Amos
Preston Thompson Bacon Esq, Elijah Stearns Esq, Michael
Corelli, David Lane, & James Wright junr to provide
for and regulate said school in ~~the same manner~~ as they may
think most regular & beneficial, & that the school be
kept two months and no longer, and that the Committee
are not to exceed the said sum for the use of the school

Wm. Webster V. Clerk

March 8/12
Middlesex, ss So James Webber a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said county. Greeting

12.3. You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, to summon & Notify ~~the~~ the freeholders & other inhabitants
qualified to vote for town officers; viz: such as have arrived to the age of twenty
one years, & resided in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, to
assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day
of March next, at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing town officers
for the year ensuing.

March 2 1812 The town meet agreeably to the above Notice & acted
on the article as follows, viz: Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

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| Town Clerk | { | Surveyor of Highways | { | Hyphing men |
| William Webber | | Capt David Reed x | | John Webber x |
| Selectmen | { | Joseph Hartwell x | { | Jerem Robinson x |
| William Webber x | | Eliab R. Lane x | | |
| John Merriam x | | David Lane x | | |
| John Reed jr x | | Joseph Hill x | | |
| Town Assessor | { | David Smith x | { | Surveyors of Lumber |
| | | Thomas Willson | | Dani Shallen x |
| Town Treasurer | { | Capt John Reed x | { | Eliab Stearns x |
| Dr. Moses Smith | | Nathr Hayward x | | |
| Constable | { | James Rivers | { | Scalers of leather |
| James Webber x | | William Foster x | | St. Loring Page x |
| Collector | { | Benj. Bacon jr x | { | Hog reeves |
| James Webber x | | | | William Page x |
| And to give bonds to | { | Field drivers | { | Jos. Ephraim x |
| for the fulfilment | | Lincoln Blodgett x | | Mathew Fitch x |
| thereof to complete | { | Joshua Page x | { | Benj. Stearns x |
| his collection in one | | Scalers of weights and | | |
| year from the date | measures | Eliab Stearns x | | |
| of his list & is to | | | | |
| have \$300.00 | | | | |

Wm Webber Clerk

You are also required as aforesaid to summon & Notify that which a
another inhabitant qualified by law to vote in the town of Bedford
Such as have resided in said town for the space of one year next pre-
ceeding, and during said term has been taxed for his Poll or any estate
in any taxable lands owned by him, to assemble at the time and
place above mentioned, to consider & act on the following articles viz:

Art. 1. To give in their votes for a suitable person to be treasurer for the
County of Middlesex the ensuing year. The water being brought
in water & combs.

There were for Abiel Hayward Esq of Concord 27 votes
and for John L. Tuttle Esq of Concord - 14 votes

Art. 2 To borrow here money for the town, all grant to repair
the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year.

Voted the sum of six hundred dollars \$600.00

Art. 3 To borrow in what manner the town will to repair the
Highways & Bridges the ensuing year, with the usual way
and that there be allowed to a man ten cents per hour that he
shall work, & ten cents per hour for a goat or ox or a cart
while the same shall be in use.

Carried over

March Meeting 1812 brot over

- Art. 4 To know if the town will take any method to prevent
steal cattle horses & sheep from going at large on the highway,
and common lands within the limits of the town the ensuing
year, voted that they be restrained from going at large ^{in such cases} ~~by~~ ^{to a law made & provided.}
- Art. 5 To know whether the minds of the inhabitants of the town of
Bedford in the County of Middlesex, do accord with & wish, to have
answered, the prayer & the petition of the inhabitants of the
town of Concord, in said County, to the General Court of this Com-
monwealth, in their January session A.D. 1812 viz: Wherefore
your Memorialist pray that said Concord may be made the
Shire town of said County ~~in future~~ and that all the Courts for
said County in future may be holden in said Concord. And do
any thing then may think best respecting ~~the same~~ ^{it} -
The town choose a Committee of three men viz: Amariah. Patten
Thompson Bacon & Elijah. Thoms Esqrs to take the subject into
consideration & report to the next town meeting.
- Art. 6 To know if the town will allow of John. Harrison to work
out his Highway tax, on his way to Lexington through his own
land, the ensuing year, Voted in the affirmative, and that the
Surgeon allow the same.
- Art. 7 To know if the town will give Castalia Thomas liberty
to remove the torus found on his own land, he giving the
town a title to the same or doing thing respecting it the town
may think best. - the vote that the prayer & petition be
granted, agreeably to the petition and that the selectmen be
a Committee to superintend the same. -
- Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your
return thereon with one of the selectmen by the time of Meeting
Given under our hand & seal this 14th day of
February A.D. 1812. - Wm Webber
John Merriam } Selectmen
John Reed Jr
Thompson Bacon

Bedford February 24th 1812
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned
and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein
expressed to assemble at the time and place above for
the purposes within mentioned.
James Webber, Constable
Wm Webber & Clerk

Middlesex J. Bedford April 6th 1812. William Webber, John
Morgan, & John Bradys, a selectmen of the town of Bedford, came
before me, and make oath that they will faithfully & impartially
discharge the duties of their office respecting all Elections in the
within the town.

Samuel Brown & Justice of
Peace

C Middlesex J. To James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said county. Greeting — You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to warn the Male inhabitants of the Town of Bedford of twenty years
of age & upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth
of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of
two hundred dollars, to meet at the Meeting house in said town
on Monday the sixth day of April Next, at four o'clock in the
afternoon, to give in their votes for Governor Lie. Governor and
Senators & Councillors agreeably to the Constitution & Law of said Common-
wealth.

Whereof fail not and in due return of this warrant with your large
thereunto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting —
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 23rd day of March 1812
Bedford March 30th 1812 Pursuant to the warrant bearing date
summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein
expressed, to assemble at the time & place for the purpose within
mentioned. James Webber Constable.

Bedford April 6th 1812. Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the
inhabitants of said town met at the time & place mentioned,
brought in their votes as follows viz;

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| For Governor, Elbridge Gerry Esq of Cambridge, Seventy one votes | 71 |
| For Caleb Strong Esq of Northampton, thirty four votes | 34 |
| For Lieut. Governor, Hon. William King Esq of Waltham, twenty votes | 20 |
| For William Phillips Esq of Waltham, thirty votes | 30 |
| For Senator & Councillors, | |

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| Then Samuel Dana Esq of Charlestown, sixty eight votes | 68 |
| Matthew Bridge Esq of Charlestown, sixty eight votes | 68 |
| John L. Tuttle Esq of Concord, sixty six votes | 66 |
| Joseph B. Mott Esq of Charlestown, thirty votes | 30 |
| Samuel Baldwin Esq of Cambridge, thirty votes | 30 |
| Asahel Stearns Esq of Chelmsford, thirty votes | 30 |

Wm Webber J. Clerk

Middlesex J. To James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said county. Greeting — You are hereby required in the Name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon & notify the
inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote
in town Meetings viz; every citizen who has resided within
said town for one year next preceding, (as is not supported as a
pauper) and has been taxed by the town during the last
year or any estate in said town to be raised by the town,
to assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday
the sixth day of April Next at four o'clock in the afternoon
to consider & act on the following articles, viz; 1st of

April Meeting 1812. continued

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator.
- Art. 2^d To know how much money the town will grant for the support of schools the ensuing year.
- Art. 3^d To know what method the town will proceed in relating to the schools the year ensuing.
- Art. 4th To choose a Committee to keep in repair the Carlisle Bridge the ensuing year.
- Art. 5th To know if the town will repair the bridges near Mr. Jonas Gleason's Mill, & raise them higher, & to ascertain whose duty it is to support said Bridges, whether the town or the owner of said Mills, or do something respecting them they may think best.
- Art. 6th To know if the town will (upon the request of Mr. Josiah Hill and others) to lighten the road from Point Meadow Brook, so called to his house, or do any thing respecting it the town may think best.
- If one of said Act and in the return of this warrant with you doing thereon write one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting given under our hands & seal of said for this 2^d day of March 1812
- James Webster (Selectman)
Samuel Wright (Selectman)

Bedford March 30th 1812

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as jurors expressed to sit at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.

James Webster Constable

Bedford April 6th 1812

The town meet agreeably to the foregoing warrant, and proceeded to act upon the articles therein contained, viz:

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator, John Merriam chosen Moderator.
- Art. 2^d To know how much money the town will grant for the support of schools the ensuing year, Voted that sum of \$300.00
- Art. 3^d To know what method the town will proceed in relating to the schools the ensuing year. Voted that the Whiting School be kept seven weeks in the center school house, & six weeks in each of quarter school houses, and that the remainder of the said sum of be expended for women's schools in the summer and choose a Committee to proceed for the same, viz, Isaac Samuel, William, Thompson, Isaac, Esq, Michael Carby, Dr. John Davis, Oliver Shedd, & Moses Litch Jr.
- Art. 4th To choose a Committee to keep in repair the Carlisle Bridge the ensuing year, viz, voted that David Land & Charles Pomeroy in addition be added to the surveyors, and so for the purpose.
- Art. 5th To know if the town will repair the bridges near Mr. Jonas Gleason's Mill, and raise them higher, and to ascertain whose duty it is to support said Bridges, whether the town or the owner of said Mills, or do any thing respecting them the town think best.
- Art. 6th To know if the town will (upon the request of Mr. Josiah Hill and others) to lighten the road from Point Meadow Brook, so called to his house.
- The town appointed the Selectmen for the purpose and to settle the same.

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Art. 6th & I know if ~~the~~ the town will (upon the request of Mr. Jacob Hill and others) strengthen the road from North Meadows brook, so called to his house, or do any thing respecting it the town may think best voted a Committee of three men to view the road and report at the next May Meeting viz: St. John Merriam Dan. East. Peaton and William Webber.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the bill introduced in the warrant for March Meeting A.D. 1842 do report: & viz: Your Committee appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the prayer of the town of Concord, in the above following viz: Whereas your Memorialists pray that said Concord may become the shire town of said County, & that all the Courts for said County, including the County Court in said town of Concord, and the order of Notice one and petition heard in Senate Jan^y 18th and in the house of Representatives Jan^y 18th have attended to business assigned them & have as we conceive duly considered it in all its most material circumstances together with the circular letters from Charleston, Cambridge & Waterbury, which have to report as follows Your Committee finding the sum of Nine thousand dollars to be assessed on the inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, for the present year, and as your Committee are informed a sum but a little rising of three thousand dollars to be assessed on the inhabitants of the large & respectable County of Worcester where all the Courts are holden, & the public records are kept at one place, your Committee think it to be the duty of every one if possible to lessen the burden of taxes, or at least to prevent their increase, which must unavoidably be the case, if more Court houses & prisons are to be built Your Committee conceive that were more Court houses & prisons built free of expense to the County, yet the expense of repairs, salaries and all other contingent expenses together with the expense of removing prisoners from one place to another for trial (which your Committee find to be from one hundred & twenty to one hundred & thirty dollars annually, on the present establishment, which sum might all be saved) which sum will be increased in proportion as Court houses & jails are multiplied Your Committee also find that delays are often produced in the trial of cases by the unpreparedness of papers in the public office at a distance from the place of trial. Your Committee think that the travel of parties jurors & witnesses from one extreme part of the County to the other, is an unnecessary inconvenience - your Committee are also of opinion that in case of war, our seaport towns will be in danger of conflagration, and many other evils in which case the public records would certainly be more safe if removed to the more interior and central part of the County, and as Concord is a more central part of the County, & as there is a good & convenient Court house & prison both almost new, & in good repair, & in the opinion of your Committee are fully sufficient for the use of the County. Your Committee aware of all undue prejudices or partiality for or against any part of the County are fully of the

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the opinion, that it will eventually be much for the interest
of the County of Middlesex, to have all the Courts in future, for
the County of Middlesex to be holden in the town of Concord
and that all the public records be removed and kept at the
town of Concord, for the future - your Committee therefore
recommend that the inhabitants of the town of Bedford do
join with the Memorialist of the County of Concord in their
petition. Bedford April 6th 1812.

which was accepted unanimously {

Ans: Foster

Thompson

Eliza Stann

Committee

Wm Webber J. Clerk

The care of the Meeting house viz opening & shutting the
double windows when necessary, & sweeping the lower floor
six times, & the upper floor twice, & brushing the railing of the
pew, & the cobwebs from the windows & canopy, and
clearing the snow from the door &c. for one year let
to the said for three dollars & twenty five cents D 3⁰⁰ 75

Apr 21st 1812 The selectmen agreed by a vote of the town conferred
with Mr James Gleason respecting the support of the Bridge near
his Mills and agreed that Mr Gleason ought to support the brethren
Bridge, to which opinion Mr Gleason consented, and it to support
the same in future -

Wm Gleason
John Loring
John Loring Jr

May 1812

Middlesex Co To James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford in sd
County Greeting.

Ye are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, to Notify & warn the Male inhabitants of said town, being
twenty one years of age, & resident in said town for three years or one year
next preceding, having a freehold estate within said town of the
annual income of two dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred
dollars, to be at the Meeting house on Monday the 4th day of
May next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing
one representative to represent them at the General Court, appointed
to be convened & holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of
May next. -

If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing
thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of the next
giving under our hands & seals at Bedford this 20th day of
April A.D. 1812. -

Wm Webber

John Loring

John Loring Jr

Selectmen

Bedford April 27th 1812.

I pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned
the male inhabitants of said town qualified as herein
expressed to meet at the time & place within mentioned

James Webber Constable

May Meeting 1812 continued

May 4th 1812 The town meet agreeably to the foregoing warrant for the purpose of choosing one Representative, to represent them in the General Court the ensuing year.

The votes being brought in sorted & counted, there were

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| For Thompson Bacon & Co twenty nine votes, & Dischoen | 29 votes |
| For William Webber eighteen votes | 18 votes |
| For Capt David Dred one vote | 1 vote |

The continued article respecting a straightening the road from point Meadow Brook to Mr Josiah Stills. ^{2^d} The L^t John Merriam chosen Moderator. The Committee appointed to view the road from point meadow brook, (so called) to Mr Josiah Stills agreeably to a resolution inserted in the town paper April Meeting 1812, Having notified the parties, Ash-leaver & Co. that they have attended the various assigns them, and find the petitioners prefer having a road laid out, from the corner of the Penniman lot (usually called) partly through common land, and partly through a pasture belonging to the Stills of Mass. At both ends to a heap of stones by a pair of bars near the corner of Mr Josiah Stills wood lot, which will be about twenty two rods, to the dam of a pond since, this road fifty dollars to be paid by the town. All which is respectfully submitted. John Merriam } Committee
Amos Preston }
Wm Webber }

a motion was made to know if the town would accept the report and passed in the negative. J. Webber 96th

May 1812

Middlesex st. Jo James Webb a Constable of the town of Bedford in Hampshire County Greeting you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs, who as have resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding, & during said term have been taxed for their Poll tax or estate in any tax to be levied by the town, to assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Thursday the twenty eighth day of May current, at three of the clock in the afternoon, to consider and act on the following article, viz,

To know if it be the mind of the town to give any encouragement to the soldiers that may turn out & be drafted to take them selves in readiness to march at a moments warning, & agreeably to an act of the Congress of the United States & doing thing the town think best respecting it. - If we fail not and make return of this warrant within your doing the town untaxed the soldiers by the town of Middlesex under authority & seal at Bedford the 23^d of May A.D. 1812

Bedford May 25th 1812 Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time & place & for the purpose therein therein.

May 28th 1812 the town meet agreeably to the foregoing warrant and voted as follows viz: Capt David Dred chosen Moderator
Carried over

May Meeting brought over

Voted to give a bounty of four dollars to each of the men
that may be detached from the Militia Company in this town
(viz. on a foraging & viz. private) to hold themselves in readiness
to march at a moments warning, and to make up their wages
two dollars per month when in actual service.
also voted that the foraging receive from the town the same
sum that is paid to each private as wages.
also vote that the selectmen draw a warrant on the treasurer
for the sum of 28th to pay the bounty aforesaid.
Wm Webber J. Clerk

September, 1812

(R) Middlesex ss. to James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said County. Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to summon & Notify the freeholders & other
inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town
Meetings viz. every male citizen, who has resided in said
town of Bedford, for one year next preceeding, & who has arrived
to the age of twenty one years, (and not supported by the town)
and has been taxed for his poll or any estate, voted to be
raised by the town, to meet at the Meeting house on
Monday the fourteenth day of this Instante September, at
three o'clock in the afternoon to consider and act on the
following articles viz

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meetings

Art. 2^d To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the town
the ensuing year.

Art. 3^d To determine what method the town will take to procure the
firewood for the Rev. Samuel Stearns the present year.

Art. 4th To choose a committee to receive the donations given
to the town by the will of Anna Page, & W^m William Page Dec^d
and to take care of & apply the use of the same equably to the
wills of the donors.

Art. 5th To know the mind of the town respecting warning a town
Meeting, in future.

If ever fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hand & seal at Bedford this third day of September
1812.

Wm Webber
John Williams
John Shepley

Selectmen

Bedford September 7th 1812. Pursuant to the within warrant I have
summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed
to assemble at the time & place & for the purpose with in mentioned.
James Webber Constable

September 1812.

September 14th 1812. the Inhabitants of the town Meet agreeably to the foregoing warrant, and proceeded to act in the style that was intended.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting.

made choice of L^t John Merriam for Moderator.

Art. 2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

voted the sum of three hundred dollars. — \$300.00

Art. 3rd To know what method the town will take to procure the fire wood for the year 1812 and 1813.

voted to choose a committee of three men, viz Solomon Lane, Capt. John Reed, & L^t John Merriam, to purchase the wood of the lowest bidder at vendue.

Art. 4th To choose a Committee to receive the donations given to the town by the rev. Amos Page & Mr. William Page Decisions, and to take care of & apply the use of the same agreeably to the will of the donors.

voted to choose a Committee of three men for the purpose viz. William Webber, Capt. David Reed & Dr. Moses Smith.

Art. 5th To know what the mind of the town respecting warning town Meetings in future.

voted that all town Meetings in future be warned by the Constable, posting up a copy of the warrant in some public place in the town, eight days before the time of Meeting. Provided nevertheless in case it should be necessary to call a town Meeting in a shorter time than eight days, the Constable shall warn the inhabitants by verbal Notice.

Wm Webber & Clerk

October 1812

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the second day of November A^d 1812 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a representative of the people of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for Middlesex district. — The votes being brought in sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made according to the Constitution.

There were for William M. Richardson Esq of Greatton forty seven votes.

47 votes

For Asahel Atterms Esq of Chelmsford

thirty three votes

33 votes

November 1812

At a meeting of the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, legally assembled on Thursday the second day of November A.D. 1812, the following votes were passed. Viz. John Merriam chosen Moderator.

Art. 1st in the warrant to know if the town will lay out a road from the line between the towns of Billerica & Bedford near Capt. Silas Richardson to the Middlesex turnpike or do anything respecting it they may think best, the town took no order upon said article.

Art. 2nd To know if the town will choose a Committee to visit upon a Courts Committee appointed to view the expediency of laying out a road from Chelmsford through this town, or do any thing respecting it they may think best. — voted to appoint a Committee of three men for the purpose, viz. Michael Crosby, Capt. David Reed, & Thompson Bacon Esq.

November 1812

At a meeting of the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of the town of Bedford, legally assembled on Thursday the twelfth day of November A.D. 1812, for the purpose of giving in their votes for five Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, for the Middle district, comprising the Counties of Suffolk, Essex, & Middlesex, the votes being brought in sorted and counted, were for the following persons viz.

Hon. William Gray of Boston 45 — voter

Hon. Samuel Brown of Boston 45 —

Moses Townsend Esq. of Salem 45 —

William Pierce Esq. of Gloucester 45

Samuel Hoar Esq. of Lincoln — 45

Hon. Harrison G. Otis of Boston — 32

Hon. Nathan Dane of Beverly — — 32

Hon. Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport 32

Abraham Biglow Esq. of Cambridge 32

John Walker Esq. of Burlington — 32

March Meeting 1813. -

(18) Middlesex Co. To James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford in said
County.
(19) You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to summon and Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants in said
town, qualified to vote for town officers, viz. such as have arrived to the
age of twenty one years, & resided in said town for the space of one year
next preceeding. To assemble at the Meetinghouse in said Bedford on
Monday the first day of March next, at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose
of choosing town officers for the year ensuing.
Hence did not and make return this warrant with your return, taken
with one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this 15th day of Feb^r 1813.
Wm. Webber. Selectmen
John Merriam

Bedford Feb^r 22 - 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned & notified
the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble
at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned.

James Webber Constable

March 5th 1813. agreeably to the foregoing warrant the voteable
inhabitants met and made choice of the following persons, to wit.

N.B. These persons names who have this X mark set against them have been

Capt David Reed chosen Moderator. -

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| 1 st Town Clerk | 6 th Surveyors of highways | 11 th Sidingmen |
| William Webber X | Thompson Bacon Esq X | Enr. Castalia Farmer X |
| 2 ^d Selectmen | Jonas Putnam X | Joshua Page X |
| William Webber X | Eliab R. Lane X | |
| John Merriam X | David Lane X | |
| Timothy Page X | Jonah Hill X | 12 th Surveyors of lumber |
| 3 ^d Town Treasurer | James Webber X | Daze Shelden |
| David Merriam X | Michael Crosby X | Eliab R. Lane X |
| 4 th Constable | 5 th Town Viewers | 13 th Sealer of leather |
| James Webber X | Michael Crosby X | Timothy Page X |
| 5 th Collector of taxes | Jonas Putnam X | 14 th Hogreves |
| James Webber X | William Page X | Capt Eliab Shelden |
| As to have 300,000 for said service and to give bonds for the further full discharge of said and to complete his colle- ction in one year from the date of his list, or forfeit the fees for collection | 15 th Field drivers | Benjamin L. Morgan |
| | William Stearns X | Abel Butler |
| | William Ester X | Jonah R. Lane X |
| | 16 th Sealer of weights and measures | Liamie Howell X |
| | John Webber X | Leonard Stearns X |

Wm. Webber D. Clerk.

March Meeting 1813.

Middlesex Co. So James Webber a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said County.

Greeting.

You are hereby required, in the name of the commonwealth of
Massachusetts, to summon and notify the freeholders & other inha-
bitants in said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, viz.
such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and have resided
in said town for the space of one year last preceding, & during
said term have been taxed for their Polls or any Poll tax in any tax
voted to be raised by the town. To assemble at the Meeting house
in said Bedford on Monday the first day of March next, at
three o'clock P. M. to consider & act upon the following articles, viz.

- Art. 1st To bring in their votes for a Surrogate for the County of Middlesex.
Art. 2^d To raise money to repair the highway & bridges the present year.
Art. 3^d To know in what method the town will repair the highways & bridges
the present year.
Art. 4th To know if the town will take any method to prevent that cattle
Horses and sheep from going at large on the highways & common
lands, within the limits of the town the ensuing year.
Art. 5th To know if the town will build a Nursery house, near the school
house, in the center of the town, or any thing they may think best.
Art. 6th To know if the town will pay for the board of the school Masters
who have taught or may teach a School in any of the School houses
for a longer time than has been provided for by the town authorities.
Art. 7th Upon the request of Ulrich Goodwin, To know if the town will
give him any assistance, in building a house where his former house
stood, or do any thing they may think best.
Art. 8th Upon the request of Liebedue Linwood, To know if the town
it be the mind of the town, to sell ground sufficient to build
a new house in the Meeting house, in front of Mr. Oliver Peck's grave.
And if fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your
doings thereon unto one of the Justices by the time of a
Meeting. —

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 15th day
of Feb^r 1813.
James Webber }
John Merriam } Justice

Bedford Feb^r 22^d 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned and
Notified the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein
expressed, to assemble at the time & place & for the
purposes within mentioned.

James Webber Constable

Article 13th. Agreeably to the foregoing were read. The inhabitants
of the town of Biggsville, that are held upon the article presented there is as
follows, viz: Capt David David Jackson, the master

Art 1st To bring their water for a year for the town of Middlesex.

The water being brought in started & counted, there were

For Abiel ^{off} Heyward Esq of Concord thirty one water - - - 31

For Benjamin D. Smith Esq of Concord twenty eight water - 28

Art 2nd To raise money to repair the highways & bridges the present year

Voted the sum of six hundred dollars - - - \$600.00

Art 3rd To know in what method the town will repair the highways &
under the budget year. Voted the usual way, viz to allow for
amortment each year, & for a year of road & a cent ten cents per year
that they shall work. - - -

Art 4th To know if the town will take any method to prevent cattle
from & sheep from going at large on the highways & common lands
within the limits of the town the ensuing year - - -

Voted in the affirmative, viz that they be restrained from going
at large agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth.

Art 5th To know if the town will build a necessary house near the schoolhouse
in the center of the town or do any thing they may think best -

Voted in the affirmative, and chose a Committee viz David
Lancaster, John Page, & Thomas Bacon Esq to report a plan
to the meeting, & that the house be put up at auction to the
lowest bidder, at the house of Wm. Thoms this evening.

A motion was then made for a reconsideration of the above
vote, and passed in the affirmative. - - -

Art 6th To know if the town will pay for the board of the school
master, who have taught in the town a school in
the school house, for a longer time than has been pro-
vided for by the town therefore -

Voted in the affirmative. a motion was made for a
reconsideration of the last vote, and passed in the affirmative.

Art 7th Upon the request of Uriah Goodwin, to know if the town will

give him any assistance in building a house, where his farm house
stands, or do any thing they may think best.

Voted to choose a Committee of five men, viz Thompson, Esq
Elijah Thoms Esq, Wm. Webber, St John, Harrison & John
Mason Smith, to take the article into their consideration

and report thereon at next April meeting.

Art 8th Upon the request of Charles Dimond, to know if
it be the mind of the town, to sell ground sufficient
to build a place upon, in the meeting house, in front of
Mr. Oliver Puck's fence.

Voted that the article be referred to next April meeting.

Wm. Webber J. Clerk

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April 1813
Middlesex Co. Bedford April 3th 1813. William Webber
John Merriam, & Timothy Page, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford
Came before me, and made oath, that they would, faithfully
and impartially, discharge the duties of their office, respecting all
Elections, and the returns thereof. Thompson Baron, Justice of
the Peace

A Meeting of the respectable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
legally assembled on the 5th day of April A.D. 1813. being the
first Monday in said month, for the purpose of giving in their
votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, & Councillors
of this Commonwealth, the whole number of votes being brought
in, sorted & counted, there were, for

Governor His Excellency Cal^o Strong Esq
of Northampton thirty seven votes - 37
Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum Esq of Braintree
Sixty one votes - 61

Lieut. Governor Hon. William Phillips Esq
of Boston thirty five votes - 35
Hon^{ble} William Strong Esq
of Bath. Sixty votes - 60

Senators & Councillors Samuel Hoar Esq of Lincoln
Sixty votes - 60
Jas. Edm^{und} Esq of Littleton
Sixty votes - 60

Timothy Trotter Esq of Cambridge
Sixty votes - 60
Isaiah Stearns Esq of Chelmsford
thirty five votes - 35
Samuel Baldwin Esq of Cambridge
thirty five votes - 35
Joseph Bartlett Esq of Chelmsford
thirty five votes - 35

(L.S.) April Meeting 1813.
(L.S.) Middlesex Co. To James Webber a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County - Greeting.

(L.S.) You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other
inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote
in town meetings, viz, every citizen who has arrived to
the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the
space of one year next preceding, & has been taxed during
said term for his poll or any estate, in any tax voted
to be raised by the town.

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To assemble at the Meeting house in said Bedford on Monday the 5th day of April next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to consider & act upon the following articles, viz:

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- Art 2^d To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year.
- Art 3^d To know what method the town will proceed in, relating to the school, whether they will divide into school districts for the present year or in future, or point out any other method they may think best.
- Art 4th To know what method the town will take to keep in repair the Cordale bridge, (so called) the ensuing year.
- Art 5th To know if the town will sell any ground to build fences upon any part of the Meeting house.

And if fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereunto one of the Selectmen by the time of its meeting.

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this twenty second day of March A. D. 1813.

John Wether
John Norman } Selectmen
Timothy Page }

Bedford March 29 - 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein expressed, J. Wether Const.

April 5th - 1813. The inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled agreeably to the foregoing warrant, and acted upon the articles therein, inserted, as follows, viz:

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
Made choice of Capt^t David Thier, as Moderator.
- Art 2^d To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year.
Voted the sum of four hundred dollars. - \$400.00
- Art 3^d To know what method the town will proceed in, relating to the school, whether they will divide into school districts for the present year, or in future, or point out any other method they may think best.
Voted to set off the East part of the town as a school district, with the land direct, said district to include all the inhabitants living on the road leading from Hillisica to Lexington by John Poyer, and also Nathl Poye, & Nathaniel Poye, Jr, and also the inhabitants East of said road, and that they ^{their proportion of} raise money, according to the valuation of Estates, within said district.

And then choose a School Committee for the other four schools viz: Cordale Hammer, John Norman, & Nathl Heywood, & Josiah Gugg.

- Art 4th - To know what method the town will take to keep in repair the Cordale bridge (so called) the ensuing year. - choose a Committee for the purpose viz: David Lane & Eliza M Lane and Nathaniel Bodum.

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On 5th To know if the town will sell any ground to build pews upon in any part of the Meeting House. —
 voted to sell a row of pews on the walls of each of Side Galleries & also ground to build new pews upon on the lower floor, where the Short Body seats are one each side of broad aisle, & choose a Committee for the purpose, W^m Thompson Town Esq, Amos Preston Esq & Elijah Stearns Esq.
 The Committee proceeded & sold the new ground on the lower floor at auction to the highest bidder, viz: the one on the East side of the broad aisle to Capt David Thud for the sum of twenty five dollars — Paid \$25.00
 the ~~other~~ one on the other side to Luke Lane } 23.75
 for the sum of twenty three dollars & 75 cents.
 the pews are to be built in uniform with the other pews adjoining. and adjourned the sale of the remainder of the ground untill May Meeting
 W^m Hobbs J. Clark

The continued article respecting Mr. Nathaniel Goodwin request the Committee appointed to ~~report~~ consider thereon & reported as follows. That they have attended to that service and upon the great inconvenience attend on his cultivating his land if he is under at any considerable distance from it — your Committee beg leave to recommend to the town to raise the sum of 200 dollars for the purpose of erecting him a House on his land of the dimensions exhibited on the plan herewith annexed, and that a Committee be chosen by the town to procure the building & house at auction of the lowest bidder, to be finished agreeably to articles agreed on by a Committee. Provided that the said Goodwin execute a Mortgage Deed of his land to the town, as collateral security to said sum, & interest to begin to accumulate after five years from the date of consecration, should he survive that period, if not interest to commence accumulation at his decease, & the principal to become due in one year afterwards.

all which is humbly submitted

Bridford April 5th - 1815.

Thompson Baur
Elijah Stearns
William Webber
Moses Fitch
John Merriam

} Committee

The town accepted the foregoing report, and appointed
Dea Moses Fitch, Capt David Reed, & Elijah Stearns a Com-
mittee to attend the service therein expressed.
and also voted that the said sum of \$200.00 be applied with
the next town taxes. ---
Wm Webber Clerk

The care of the Meeting house put to John Reed, to sweep
the snow cleared from the door, & ordered to be at the usual
for the sum of three dollars & 75 cents --- \$3.75

The Selectmen appointed Enl. Castalia Hammer to be
Drum Keeper for the ensuing year.

Also appointed Jesse Robbinsen to Sexton for the year
ensuing.

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Middlesex vs To James Webber a Constable of the town of Bridford
in said County - Greeting
Ye are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the Male inhabitants of said
town, being twenty one years of age, & resident in said town
for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold Estate
within said town of an annual income of ten dollars, or any Estate
to the value of two hundred dollars, to Meet at the Meeting
house in said Bridford on Monday the third day of May next
at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one
Representative, to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your
doings, therein made one of the Selectmen by the time of a Meeting
given under our hands & seals at Bridford the 19th of April A.D. 1813
Wm Webber Selectmen
John Harrison
Timothy Dole of Bridford

Bridford April 26th 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and
Notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein
expressed to assemble at the time and place & for the purpose
within mentioned. James Webber Constable.

May 3- 1813. Agreeably to the foregoing warrant, the
inhabitants of the town of Bridford assembled for the
purpose therein mentioned, and the votes were brought
in sorted and counted and were for the following persons
viz: Lt John ^{Harrison} 35 votes and was chosen
Thompson Bacon Esq 24 votes
William Webber 1 vote Wm Webber J. Clerk

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Middlesex vs To James Webber a Constable of said the
town of Bridford in said County - Greeting
Ye are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to Summon & Notify the freeholders and
other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in
town Meetings, viz. every citizen who has arrived to the age
of twenty one year, and resided in said town for the space of
one year next preceding, and has been taxed during said term
for his Poll or any Estate in any tax voted to be raised
by the town, to assemble at the Meeting house in said town
on Monday the 3d day of May next at four o'clock in the
afternoon to consider the following articles viz.
Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. -
Art 2d To know if the town will accept of a list of jurors
as made out by the selectmen or make any alterations
they may deem proper

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Art 3. To know if it be the mind of the town, to choose a committee
to attend a Court Committee appointed to lay out a road from
the Middlesex turnpike through the Maj^r Silas Richards land to
Billerica line. -
If not fail not and make return this warrant with your doing
therein to the Selectmen by the time of meeting. April
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 17th day of May
1813.
Wm Webber
Jesse Newman
Timothy Page
Selectmen

Bedford April 26th 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have commanded & notified
the inhabitants of said town qualified as there is expressed to
assemble at the time & place for their presence within mentioned.
James Webber Constable

May 3^d 1813. Agreeably to the foregoing warrant, the in-
habitants of said town assembled and acted on the articles then
- in contained as follows. viz;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for Meeting -

Made choice of Capt David Dred for the purpose
Art 2^d To know if the town will accept of the list of officers
as made out by the Selectmen, or make any alterations they
may deem proper. - ~~to accept of the list of~~
Vote that the Selectmens Names be entered thereon and then
accepted the list.

Art 3^d To know if it be the mind of the town to choose a committee
to attend a Court Committee appointed to lay out a road from
the Middlesex turnpike through the Maj^r Silas Richards
land to Billerica line. - The town chose a committee
of three men for the purpose viz. Capt David Dred
Thompson Bacon Esq. & Doct Amos Preston, and to
conduct the business according to their best skill & judgment.
Wm Webber J. Clerk

September 1813.

(A) Middlesex ss James Webber a constable of the County of Middlesex
(B) in said County
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other in-
habitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town meetings
viz every male citizen 21 or above to the aged being
married and residing in said town (and not supported by the town) and has been tax-
ed for his Poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by
said town, to meet at the meeting house in said town on the day of
the day of September at three o'clock P.M. to consider
and act on the following articles viz;

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Sept 1813.

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2nd To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year
3rd To know what method the town will take to procure the fire wood for the Poor. W^m Thoms the ensuing year
4th To know if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen, from the Middlesex turnpike to the line between the towns of Billerica & Bedford near Capt Silas Richardson's house. —
I had full notice and make return of this warrant with your design thereon unto one of the Selectmen before the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this twenty third day of August. A.D. 1813. W^m Hobbes
John Harrison } Selectmen

Bedford August 30th 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as tax payers to assemble at the time & place for the purpose therein mentioned.

September 6th 1813. The inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled agreeably to the foregoing warrant. and passed the following vote, upon the articles therein contained viz
1st art To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —

Made choice of Capt David Reed for Moderator
2nd art To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year. Voted the sum of — \$440.00
3rd art To know what method the town will take to procure the fire wood for the Poor. Voted the usual method viz. appointed Elihu Thoms, Agent to purchase from such persons as he may choose to purchase the wood at Auction of the lowest bidder. —

4th art To know if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen, from the Middlesex turnpike to the line between the towns of Billerica & Bedford near Capt Silas Richardson's house. viz. Bedford May 20th 1813.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of said town, met and laid out a road in the Easterly part of the town through land of Capt Silas Richardson as follows, viz. Beginning at a small white oak tree, marked, near the wall by the Middlesex turnpike thence running Northerly by Stables & Houses to the line between the towns of Billerica & Bedford, being about 50 rods in length. A road is laid out 20 1/2 rods wide and the bounds above mentioned are all on the East side of said road. —

W^m Hobbes
John Harrison
Timothy Page

September 1813.

The town voted to accept of said road upon the conditions
awarded by a Comtee Committee viz; Nathan Chandler & others
viz that the town of Thetford make said road when laid out at
their own expense, and that said Richardson indemnify
said town of Thetford from all other expense that may arise in
in consequence of said road being laid out, and if there should
not be gravel ~~enough~~ sufficient to make said road within the
limits of the State, then said Richardson is to give them
liberty to take gravel on his land when it will be convenient
to them and not injurious to him.

and then appointed a Committee viz; Capt David D. Amos
Pastor, & Thompson Bacon Es. to let out the making of said road
at Auction to the lowest bidder, and to conduct the business other-
wise according to their best judgment.

Also voted that the officers of said town of money to
defray the expense of making said road with the next town tax
September 18th 1813. The Committee proceeded to let out
the making of said road at public vendue, and were told
of to Abner Wheeler at 42 cents per rod that being the lowest
bid and he being the lowest bidder.

Expensed to about 75 rods, amounting to \$5 1/4 acc
besides the expense of sale. — Wm Hibber & Clerk

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants
qualified to vote in town meeting assembled on the 24th
day of January 1814. Capt David chosen Moderator.
The first business in the warrant, was to send a letter to
the town to invite with the town of Concord in prepa-
ring a petition to the Legislature of the Commonwealth
to enact a law making Concord the chief town of said
county, that the Circuit Court and Probate Court may be
held and kept there in future, or do any thing respecting
the case they may think proper.

Voted in the affirmative viz; to concur with the intention
of the town of Concord, and appointed a Committee viz; John
Stearns Es. & Amos Pastors Es. & John Perkins
to transfer their residence to the town of Concord.

North Meeting 1844

Middlesex Co. To James Webber, a constable of the Town of Bedford in said County -

You are hereby required in the Name of the common wealth of Massachusetts, to summon & Notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in the choice of town officers, viz. such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the space of one year, Next preceding, to assemble at the Meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the seventh day of March Next, at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing Town officers for the year ensuing.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing, unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 21st Feb^r 1844.

Wm Webber
John Merriam } Selectmen
Timothy Page

Bedford Feb^r 28th 1844. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned & Notified the Inhabitants of said, qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned.

James Webber Constable

March 7th 1844. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled, and made choice of the following persons for town officers the ensuing year.

Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

and is to have \$25 for collection, and to give bonds, with securities for the faithful performance of his office, and to complete the the collection of the whole sum committed to him, within one year from the date of his list, or forfeit the fee.

Surveyor of high ways

Field Officer
Elisha B. Lane, sworn

William Page, sworn

John Merriam, sworn

Elisha B. Lane, sworn

Jacob Gregg, sworn

Joshua Hill, sworn

John Webber, sworn

Michael Crosby, sworn

Eliaser Davis Jr.

Samuel Heyward, sworn

James Webber

James Webber, sworn

Joshua Page, sworn

Eliaser Davis Jr., sworn

Town Clerk
William Webber
sworn

Selectmen
William Webber
John Merriam
Timothy Page
sworn as before

Town Treasurer
J. A. Mearns, sworn

Constable
James Webber
sworn

Collector
James Webber
sworn, &

Sealors of weights & measures
John Webber, sworn

Tything men
James Wright, sworn
David Lane, sworn

Surveyors of Lumber
Joshua Page, sworn
Eliaser Davis Jr., sworn

Attest given Levi Willson sworn. Almond Smith sworn.
Eliaser Willson sworn David Reed sworn. Seal Dye sworn &
Moses Simonds - sworn - Attest William Webber J. Clerk

Mr. James Webber a Constable of the town
of Bedford, in said County - Greeting -
you are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth
to summon & Notify the freeholders and
other inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town
affairs, as well as have arrived to the age of twenty one year
and resided in said town for the space of one year Next
preceding, and during said term have been taxed for the
Poll or any estate, in any tax voted to be raised by the
town - To assemble at the Meeting House, in said
town on Monday the twentieth day of March Next, at one
O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

- Art 1st To bring in their votes for a new sewer for this County -
Art 2^d To raise money ~~for the~~ to repair the Highways & Bridges
the ensuing year -
Art 3^d To know in what method the town will repair the
Highways & Bridges, the ensuing year -
Art 4th To know if the town will take any method to prevent
Neat cattle horses & sheep from going at large on the high-
ways and Common lands, within the limits of the town
the ensuing year -
Art 5th To know if the town will allow Mr James Lane
to work out his highway tax on the lane leading
from his house to the road -

If need fail not and make return of this warrant, with your
doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen, by the time of the next
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford the 21st Feb^r. A.D. 1844.
Jm Webber.
John Merriam, Selectman.
Timothy Page

Bedford Feb^r 28 - 1844. Pursuant to the within warrant
I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town
qualified to vote in or present, to assemble at the time and
place & for the purpose within mentioned. James Webber Esq^r J. Clerk

March 7th 1844. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant
the inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled and
acted on the articles therein expressed, viz.

Capt David Threlkover Moderator.

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March Meeting 1814 continued.

- 1st To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for this County
The votes being brought in sorted & counted there were
for Abel Hayward Esq of Concord 25 votes &
for William Winthrop Esq of Cambridge 26 votes
- 2^d To raise money to repair the highways & Bridges
the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$600.00
- 3rd To know in what method the town will ~~proceed to~~
repair the highways & Bridges, the ensuing year
Voted the usual method viz. to allow to every man ten cents
per hour, and ten cents per hour for a ~~year~~ ^{year} of road & cart
for the time that they shall work.
- 4th To know if the town will take any method to prevent that
cattle horses & sheep from going at large, on the highways
and common lands within the limits of the town the
ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative, viz that they
be restrained from going at large, agreeably to ^{the} laws
of this Commonwealth. the ensuing year.
- 5th To know if the town will allow Mr James Lane
to work out his highway tax on the lane leading
from his house to the road. Voted in the affirmative
under the direction of the surveyor.

Wm William Webber, Clerk

April Meeting 1814.

Middlesex vs Bedford April 4th 1814. William Webber
John Merriam, & Timothy Page, Selectmen of the Town
of Bedford. Came before me and made oath, that
they would faithfully and impartially, discharge the
duties of their office, respecting all Elections, and the
return thereof. Thompson Bacon Just. Peace

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford
legally assembled on Monday the fourth day of April A.D.
1814. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor
Lieut Governors for the Commonwealth, & for Senators and
Councillors for Middlesex District. The votes being
brought in sorted, & counted. and declaration thereof
made in open town meeting.

There were

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| For | His Excellency Cateb, Esq of Northampton | 33 | — | Vote |
| Governour | For Samuel Dexter Esq of Boston | 62 | — | Vote |
| | Hoseah Hutchinson Esq of Bedford | 1 | — | Vote |
| For Lieut | His Hon. William Phillips Esq of Boston | 32 | — | Vote |
| Governour | Hon. William Gray Esq of Boston | 62 | — | Vote |
| | Hon. Josiah Kirtland Esq of Charlestown | 32 | — | Vote |
| For Constables | Ashael Stearns Esq of Chelmsford | 32 | — | Vote |
| & Commissioners | Leammis Baldwin Esq of Cambridge | 32 | — | Vote |
| | Samuel Hoar Esq of Lincoln | 62 | — | Vote |
| | Rev. Edmund Foster of Littleton | 62 | — | Vote |
| | Timothy Fuller Esq of Cambridge | 62 | — | Vote |
| | Wm William Wilber Town Clerk | | | |

- (Ld) Middlesex St. To James Wilber a Constable of the town of Bedford in said County greeting. —
- (Ld) You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs. viz. every citizen who has arrived to the age of twenty one years and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, and has been taxed for his poll or any Estate in said town voted to be raised to be raised by the town. To assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April Next at three o'clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles viz;
- Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. —
 - Art 2 To know what method the town will proceed in relating to the Schools, the ensuing year. —
 - Art 3 To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year. —
 - Art 4 To know what method the town will take to keep the Bedford Bridge in repair the ensuing year. —
 - Art 5 To appoint a Committee in Town for the Paupers in the town of Bedford the ensuing year. —
 - Art 6 To know if the town will give a bounty for coons caught and killed within the limits of the town the year ensuing, or do any thing respecting them they may think best.

Have fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing, then on unto one of the selectmen by the time of a Meeting, given under our hands and seals at Bedford this twenty first day of March A 1814.

William Webber } Selectmen
John Merriam }
Timothy Page }

Bedford March 28th 1814

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of S. town, qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

James Webber Esq^r

April 4th 1814 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, assembled, and acted on the articles therein expressed viz.

Art 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

St John Merriam chosen Moderator

Art 2 To know what method the town will proceed in relating to the schools, the ensuing year.

Voted the same as the last year, viz that the East part of the town be a separate district, & to include the inhabitants on the road leading from Lexington to Billerica and East of the same, & also South & North Page & and to draw their proportion of the Money, and the remainder to be equally divided among the other four schools.

Art 3 To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year

Voted the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose and appointed Shew Samuel Stearns Chairman of the School Committee, & also Joshua Page, William Hartwell, Ebenezer Davis Jr, Simon Davis, & James Webber a committee to provide for the same.

Art 4 To know what method the town will take to keep the Cartile Bridge in repair the ensuing year.

Appointed Elias B. Lane, David Lane, & S. Walter Heyward a committee to take the care of the same.

Art 5 To appoint a committee in Trust for the Page Fund in the town of Bedford the ensuing year.

William Webber, Capt David Shud, & Dr. Henry Fitch were appointed for the purpose.

April Meeting continued

Art. 6. To know if the town will give a bounty for ^{caught &} crows, killed within the limits of the town, the year ensuing, or do any thing affecting them they may think best. . .
Voted to give a bounty of 25 cents for each old crow head and 12½ cents for each young crow head and body, which may be caught & killed by any of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, within the limits of the town, and delivered to New Fitch Town Treasurer.

~~Wm~~ William Webber, T. Clerk

April 4th 1814 The Selectmen put the care of the Meeting house, to sweep 6 times below, & 3 times above, to open & shut the doors & windows on all proper occasions, & to clear the snow from the doors when necessary, to Joshua Page for \$8.00

Also appointed Enl. Castalia Hooper Town Treasurer for the ensuing year. . .

May Meeting 1814.

At a Meeting of the free holders, & other votable inhabitants of the town of Bedford, legally assembled on the second day of May AD. 1814. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth.

The votes being brought in sorted and counted, there were for Lt. John Merriam forty votes, and was elected. 40
for William Webber Nineteen votes 19

Also to know if the town will appoint a Committee to provide for a singing school, the coming winter, agreeably to a donation given to the town for that purpose.

Voted to continue this article to Next September Meeting.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford holden on the 23^d day of May AD. 1814. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the people in the Congress of the United States, for Middlesex district, the votes being brought in sorted and counted, and declaration thereof ^{made} in town Meeting, there were
For Hon. Samuel Dana Esq. of Charlestown thirty five votes 35
Hon. Asahell Stearns Esq. of Chelmsford twenty two votes 22.

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Middlesex, To James Webber a Constable of the town
of Bedford in said County.

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You are hereby required in the Name of the common
wealth of Massachusetts, to summon and Notify the free-
holders and other inhabitants of said town, qualified by
law to vote in town Meetings viz. every citizen who has
arrived to the age of twenty one years; and resided in said
town for the space of one year next preceding, and has been
taxed for his poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised
by the town, to meet at the Meeting house in Bedford
on Monday the fifth day of September next at two of the
clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles. viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- 2^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the
town the ensuing year. — ^{to procure}
- 3^d To know in what method the town will procure the fire
wood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the present year. —
- 4th To know whether the town will make provision for the
more convenient seating of the singers in the Meeting
house, by removing the pews from the front Gallery to one
of the other Galleries, and bring the seats from thence in their
place, also whether the town will dispose of the common
ground on the East side of the broad isle on the lower floor
for the purpose of having pews built thereon, or do any
respecting a meeting house. —

Which said act and manufacture of this warrant with your doing,
thereunto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hand & seal at Bedford this 25 day of August 1814
William Webber } Selectmen
John Merriam }
Timothy Page }

Bedford August 27th 1814

Pursuant to the writ, in warrant I have summoned & Notified
the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet
at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned.
James Webber Constable

September 3rd 1814 Agreeably to the foregoing warrant
the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on
the articles therein contained viz;

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting —

Capt David chosen Moderator —

2^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town
the ensuing year voted the sum of \$450.00

3^d To know in what method the town will procure the fire wood
for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the present year. Appointed a committee
for the purpose, viz. Elijah Stearns Esq. John Merriam &
Stephen Lane, that they purchase the wood in any way and
at any time they may think best.

Continued.

4th art. To know whether the town will make provision for the more convenient seating of the singers in the meeting house by removing the pews from the front gallery to one of the other galleries, and bring the seats from thence in to their place, also whether the town will dispose of the common ground on the east side of the broad aisle on the lower floor for the purpose of having pews built thereon, or do any thing respecting a meeting house.

The town appointed a committee to consider the article so far as respects the more convenient seating of the singers, and report to the town, as soon as may be convenient.
viz: Dea James Wright, Dea Thad^{us} Davis John Page
Thompson Bacon Esq, & Michael Crosby.

The continued article from May Meeting to September, again under consideration, respecting making provision for a singing school, the town appointed a committee for the purpose, viz: James Wright Jr John Page, David Lane, Dea Thad^{us} Davis, & Capt John Thred.

The town voted to continue the 4th article in the above warrant to Next November Meeting, at which time the committee appointed ^{on the subject} are to report.

Attest Wm^m Webber Town Clerk

November Meeting 1844.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives in the general Court of this Commonwealth, legally assembled on Monday the 7th day of Decr AD 1844, being the first Monday in said month, at one O'clock P.M. for the purpose of bringing in their votes for a Representative of the people of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for Middlesex district. — The votes being brought in counted & sorted by the Selectmen of Town, & declaration thereof made as the law directs there were for the Hon^{ble} Samuel Dana Esq of Lytton thirty six 36, votes and for Hon^{ble} Ashael Stearns Esq of Chelmsford thirty one 31. — votes.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, legally assembled on the 7th day of Decr. 1844, to consider and act on the following article, viz: To know if the town will make the Soldiers who have been drafted from the Militia in this town (and marching in the Service of this State, and of the United States) any compensation for their services, or do any thing respecting them, or any extra duty the Militia have been or may be called upon to perform this present year. — Lt John Whisman chosen Moderator.
voted to pay each new commissioned officer & private, so drafted five dollars per month for the time they shall actually serve, in addition to Government pay. — to be drawn from the Treasurers of Town.
1800. meeting carried over

November Meeting 1814 but over

The continued article from September Meeting respecting the more convenient seating the singers. The Committee reported that they had agreed with Elijah Adams & for his half of the pew in the front of the Gallery for the whole of the bench pew owned by the town. And Capt Chas Page will rent his pew for 10^{cts} per year. St John Merriam will for his quarter of a pew take 1/4 of Capt Page's pew on the east end. Capt Adams will be to be paid. The hind and exchange pews to be rented for one year only which report passed in the Negative.

Wm William Wibber F. Clerk

Nov 7th 1814 Dinah a Black woman put to board with Mrs Bradley Bowen from this time to next may meeting at \$1.00 per week

Febr 24th 1815, the Selectmen Received of the Government of this Commonwealth Forty seven Dollars & Ninety cents as a reimbursement for rations that were furnished the Militia when ordered to Boston

Bedford March 5th 1815

This day received of David Lane, Chairman of the Committee to provide for carrying school &c one Alt to which is the property of the town, and to be returned when called for and is deposited with me for the purpose of assisting in taking the lead of Upright Mine on Sabbath days.

To the care of James Wright Jr

March Meeting 1814

Notice is hereby given that a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said County of Middlesex

do hereby call a meeting in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to commence on Monday the first day of
April next, at one o'clock in the forenoon, at the Meeting house in said
town of Bedford, all such as have arrived to the age of
twenty one year, and resided in said town for the space of one year
next preceding, and during said term have been taxed for their
proportional share of the taxes levied by the town, to assemble
at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of
March next, at three o'clock P.M. to consider and act on the
following articles viz,

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
Art 2 To choose Town officers for the year ensuing -
and you are also requested the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to commence on Monday the first day of
April next, at one o'clock in the forenoon, at the Meeting house in said
town of Bedford, all such as have arrived to the age
of twenty one year, and resided in said town for the space of one year
next preceding, and during said term have been taxed for their
proportional share of the taxes levied by the town, to assemble
at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of
March next, at three o'clock P.M. to consider and act on the
following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting -
Art 2 To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for this County -
Art 3 To raise Money to repair the high ways & bridges the ensuing year
and Bridges the ensuing year -
Art 4 To know whether the town will take any measures to restrain
the cattle from running at large within the limits of the town
the ensuing year -

And fail not to come to the said meeting at the time & place
of the election by the time of assembling -
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford
this 4th day of Feb: 1814
Wm Webber
Treasurer of said town
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Bedford Feb 9th 1814 Pursuant to the within
notice I have called the inhabitants of said town
qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place
and for the purposes therein mentioned.
James Webber Constable

March 1st 1812 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the undersigned officers have assembled and made oath of the following persons for town officers the ensuing year viz

John Perriam chosen Moderator for meeting

Town Clerk
William Webber sworn

Selectmen
William Webber sworn
John Perriam sworn
Joshua Page

Town Treasurer
David Fitch sworn

Constables
David Fitch sworn
Otis Reed

Collector
David Fitch sworn
to have \$34 for collection
to give bonds for the faithful
performance of the same & to
complete the collection of his
taxes one year from the
date of this date.

Surveyors of Highways
+ Capt David Reed sworn
+ Ebenezer Simonds sworn
+ Josiah L. Lane sworn
+ Eliab B. Lane sworn
+ John Hill sworn
+ Francis William sworn
Capt John Reed sworn
+ Saml Jones sworn
+ John Hill sworn

Freeviewers
Joshua Page sworn
Capt Wm Goodridge sworn

Field drivers
Obed Pollard sworn
Eliab B. Lane sworn
Nathl. Page sworn

Sealers of weights & measures
John Webber sworn

Jury men
David Lane sworn
Michael Crosby sworn
John Page sworn
Mather Heyward sworn
Joshua Page
Capt Elijah Shelton sworn
Benjamin Simonds sworn

Surveyors of Lumber
Eliab B. Lane sworn
Joshua Page sworn

Hogreeves
Samuel Sage sworn
Jonathan Lane
Levi Thayer sworn
Asa Porter sworn
Alford Fitch sworn

Done by Wm Webber J. Clerk

March Meeting 1815

March 6th 1815, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town of Bedford assembled and acted upon the articles therein contained - viz

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting -

A John Herriam chosen Moderator -

and E. Poling on their votes for a treasurer for this country -

The votes being brought in & counted there were -

For John Poling Esq of Concord - 33 votes

For John Herriam Esq of Concord - 12 votes

At 2 o'clock in the morning the highway bridge the ensuing year voted the sum of \$500 for said purpose -

At 3 o'clock in the morning the town voted to repair the highway and bridge the ensuing year voted to allow to a man ten cents per hour for a good oxen and a cart ten cents per hour that they shall work said oxen & cart in the town limits -

At 4 o'clock in the morning will take any method to prevent that cattle horses & sheep from going at large on the highway and common land within the limits of the town the ensuing year voted to restrain them from going at large under the regulations of the laws -

Resolved by Wm Wilber Esq Clerk

Biddlers of Bedford April 3 1815. William Wilber John Herriam & Timothy Page Selectmen of the town Bedford - came before me and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof -

Thompson Union Just. Peace.

April Meeting 1815

At 10 o'clock the town met a Convention the town of Bedford in said county - Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the town of Bedford to appear before me on Monday the first day of May the inhabitants of the town of Bedford who have reached the age of twenty years having a freehold estate within the town or wealth of the annual income of ten dollars or more

to vote to the value of two hundred dollars to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of the next month at two o'clock P.M. to give in their votes for a town

selectmen of this town & wealth of one dollar & upwards to be qualified for the office of selectmen

and to elect a district

April Meeting for 1815 continued

and you are also authorized to empower & qualify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs viz every citizen who has arrived to the age of twenty one years and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding and has been taxed for his poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town. So assembled at the Meeting some in said town on Monday the third day of April next at three o'clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles.

- Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
- Art 2 To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year -
- Art 3 To know in what method the town will provide clothing to the schools the year ensuing -
- Art 4 To know what method the town will take to keep the Bridge in repair the ensuing year -
- Art 5 To appoint a committee to look after the Bridge the ensuing year -
- Art 6 Upon the request of Elijah Hambley & William de Burgh of it be the mind of the town to build a new Meeting house and make arrangement for the support thereof to anything respecting a Meeting house
- Art 7 Upon the request of William Hambley of Burlington being a freeholder of land in Bedford praying that the town would appoint a committee to view the application of Benjamin Hambley for the land put over by the town to the benefit of the Middlesex turnpike and from time to time to be reviewed and report to the town at next town Meeting
- Had of full met and made return of this warrant with yealms the undersigned one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting
- Given under our hand & seal at Bedford this twenty sixth day of March 1815.

William Webber }
James Hambley } Selectmen
Kinsey Page }

This may certify that all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Bedford have been duly notified & would equally

Bedford March 28th 1815. Otis Reed Constable.

April 5th 1815 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor & council of state and justice in their votes as follows viz

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| For Governor Samuel Dexter Esq of Boston | by 56 votes |
| For Caleb Strong Esq of Northampton | by 30 votes |
| For Lieut Governor William Gray Esq of Boston | by 14 votes |
| For William Phillips Esq of Boston | by 27 votes |
| For Jonathan Connors | |
| For Samuel Hoar Esq of Lincoln | by 54 votes |
| For Timothy Fuller Esq of Cambridge | by 54 votes |
| For John Hart Esq of North Reading | by 54 votes |

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| For John Brown Esq of Bedford | by 30 votes |
| for Samuel P. May Esq of Cambridge | by 29 votes |
| & Calvin C. May Esq of Birmingham | by 29 votes |

Town affair -

Art's Todhoun a Moderator for ward Meeting

Capt David Reed chosen Moderator

Art's Todhoun moved for the support of schools the coming year -

voted the sum of four hundred dollars \$400 -

Art's Todhoun moved that the town will have a school the coming year, voted the same as the last year, viz that the East & West & North & South have according to the limits four schools. Committee Eliab B. Lane, Jos. West, Timothy Jones, Jonathan Lane, Benjamin Parsons, and Thos. Lamb. Steam-chocery Chairman -

Art's Todhoun moved that method the town would to keep the bridge in repair the coming year -

appointed a committee for the purpose viz Eliab B. Lane David Lane and Samuel C. Lane

Art's Todhoun moved a committee in town for the coming year

the committee William Webber Capt David Reed Dr. Thos. Lamb

Art's Todhoun moved on the report of Eliab B. Lane Esq & Jos. West Esq to know if it be the mind of the town to build a new Meeting house, and in the mean while for the purpose, to do any thing respecting a Meeting house -

The town appointed a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of building and paying for the same, & what other house will do for the town at present, & to report at next meeting

Committee Capt David Reed Dr. Thos. Lamb Jos. West Esq & Jos. West Esq

John Webster, William Webber, Richard Crosby, Dr. Henry Hitch, Jacob Gregg, David Lane, Dr. Thos. Lamb, David, Samuel Marshall, John, Henry, & Nathaniel Hayward, Capt John Reed, Timothy Jones

Art's Todhoun moved on the report of William Webber Esq & Jos. West Esq, being a proponent of come in Bedford, praying that the town would appoint a committee to gain the expediency of buying out a good farm the grace of 10 or 12 acres to the north of the old school house, & to build a school house on the same, & to report at next town meeting

The Selectmen were appointed accordingly

Record by William Webber Town Clerk

The case of the Meeting house, & William Webber Esq & Jos. West Esq

The Selectmen appointed Jos. West Esq & Jos. West Esq, also appointed Eliab B. Lane Jos. West Esq for the present year

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May 1815
At a Meeting of the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of the town
of Bedford, Legally assembled on the first day of May 1815.
for the purpose of choosing a Jury to sit at the
General Court appointed to be convened and holden at Boston on the
first Monday of May, current. action was made to know if the
town would send a representative, and found in the Negative.

St John, Herman, Chairman, Moderator.

The Town voted a bounty for Crow heads, say for 10 killed
within the limits of the town, viz: twenty five each for old and
half a cent for each young Crow head, to be paid by
the Sheriff, when delivered.

The continued article affecting building a Meeting house.
The Committee appointed at last April Meeting, to take the
subject into consideration, reported as follows, viz:

That the Town proceed to build a new Meeting house in the
fall of the year 1816, and complete the same in the fall of the
year 1817. which is hereby ^{not accepted} ~~accepted~~ ~~and~~ ~~ordered~~

Direct a black woman servant to board with Pradley Brown for
one year from this date at one dollar twenty three cts. \$1.23

September Meeting 1815.

(L.S.) Middlesex ss; So Otis, Sheriff a Constable of the town of Bedford,
in said County, Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to summon and Notify the freeholders and

(L.S.) other inhabitants of said town; qualified by law to vote in
town Meetings, viz: every citizen who has arrived to the age

of twenty one year, and resided in said town for the space of one year
next preceding, and has been taxed for his poll or any estate in

any tax voted to be raised by the town. To assemble at the Meeting
house in said town on Monday the 4th day of September next at

three of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
Art. 2^d To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the town during y.
Art. 3^d To know in what method the town will procure the fire wood
for the year 1816 the ensuing year.

And fail not, and make relation of this warrant with your
doings, then on unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said
Meeting. Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this

25th day of August A.D. 1815 William Webber }
John Herman } Selectmen
Timothy Page }

Sept 4th September Meeting 1815 Continued
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, I have Notified the freeholders and
other inhabitants to appear at the time & place and for the purpose
within mentioned - Before 30th August 1815. Published Constable
Bedford 4th September 1815 - the inhabitants of the town of Bedford
assemble agreeable to the foregoing warrant, and acted on the article,
therein contained as followeth, viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. Made choice of John Webber
Art. 2^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the en-
suing year. Voted this sum of five hundred dollars. \$500.00
Art. 3^d To know in what method the town will proceed to procure the
fire wood for the three Sam^l Stearns the ensuing year -
appointed Dr. Moses Fitch, Solomon Lane, & Capt David Reed
a committee to purchase the same at Auction of the lowest
bidder. -

Ordered by W^m Webber Town Clerk

4 Sept^r 1815 the selectmen sent Jeremiah Day to board from this
time until Next April Meeting at \$156 per week

(L) Middlesex Co: To this Notice a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said County.
(S) You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to summon and Notify the freeholders and other
(S) inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town
Meetings viz, every citizen who has arrived to the age of twenty one
years of age (and not supported by the town), and resided in said town for the
space of one year next preceding, and has been taxed for his full rating
estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town. - To assemble at the
Meeting house in said Bedford on Monday the twentieth day of this
instant, November at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider
and act on the following articles. - viz

Article 1st To choose a moderator for said Meeting.
Art. 2^d Upon the Petition of, Moses Fitch & seven others, To
know if the inhabitants of said town are disposed to build a
new Meeting house, or to procure lumber for the same, or doing
thing respecting building a Meeting house; they may think best,
or to sell, or dispose of the Old Meeting house.
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there
on unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this 6th of Nov. 1815
Bedford Nov. 15th 1815

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have Notified the inhabi-
tants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time
and place for the purpose within mentioned. Published Constable

Recorded by W^m Webber Town Clerk
the proceedings on this warrant

Nov. 20th 1815 8th Meeting 1815. Respecting building a Meeting house
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town meet
and acted on the articles therein contained. Viz.

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting

Thompson Baron Esquire chosen Moderator -

Art 2^d Upon the Petition of Hays Smith & Seventeen others to know
if the inhabitants of said town are disposed to build a new mee-
ing house, or to procure lumber for the same, or do any thing
respecting building a meeting house, they may think best,
to sell or dispose of the old Meeting house.

The first question was to know if they would build a meeting house
Voted in the affirmative.

They voted ^{that} the Meeting house be completed in two years from
the first day of this Instant November. -

3^d Appointed a Committee of ways and means, viz. Capt David
Theet, Richard Grosby, Simon Hodge, Joshua Rye, and
John Meriam, and to report at the Next Meeting.

4th Voted to adjourn this Meeting for three weeks, viz. to Monday
the eleventh day of December Next, at one O'clock P. M. -
To hear the report of said Committee &c. -

December 11th the town Meet. agreeably to adjournment
to hear the report of the Committee ^{Dr. Amosiah Porter Church Moderator} to wit. That the House
be built fifty eight feet long, & fifty three feet wide, thirty
feet high, Projection thirty four by eight feet.
Close stairs to the Pulpit. fifty eight - pews on the lower floor

To be glazed with glass ten by sixteen inches, twenty four lights
in a window. To be underpinned with two tiers of good and
well hewn stone, each tier to be fourteen inches ^{high} with
three door steps; the whole to conform to a plan now to be
presented for inspection - To be let out to be built by a
Committee to be chosen for that purpose, the undertaker
to have the old Meeting house and being allowed to use what-
ever is suitable for said work. - And to receive his pay
in the following manner. Five hundred dollars on the
first of March next, five hundred dollars on the first of June
following. five hundred dollars on the first of September
following. Provided the house be raised. -

Five hundred dollars on the first of December following
Provided the house be boarded, shingled & glazed.

Five hundred dollars by the first of June 1817, the remainder
by the first of December following. The undertaker to give
Bonds to the Satisfaction of a Committee

aimed to the next pay

all which is humbly submitted

\$2500.00

David Reed
Michael Crosby
John Meriam
Joshua Page
Simcon Blodgett

} Committee

Voted to accept the report of the Committee and then appointed the above David Reed, Michael Crosby, John Meriam, Joshua Page, & Simcon Blodgett, a Committee to let out the building of said house, as they shall think will be most beneficial to the town.

Voted that the town Treasurer give Notes for said \$2500.00 dollars at the several times mentioned in the report of the Committee if requested, by said Committee.

Voted that the Meeting house front the road, leading from Galed to Lexington, and that said house be seth. 40 feet South from the front of the old Meeting house.

Preceded by William Webber Town Clerk

January 16 - 1816 the Selectmen put Daniel Mac. Carter to board with Job Lane to North Meeting at 30/75 per week.

January 29th 1816. The Committee for letting out the building a new Meeting house. Proceeded agreeably to the vote of the town and let out the building of said house to Joshua Page and Levi Wilson for the sum of Five thousand four hundred and forty five dollars, and the old Meeting house, they giving Bonds to the town Treasurer together with, Elijah Stearns & William Porter and Lt. Nathaniel Hayward as Sureties for the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the faithful fulfillment of said work according to the agreement & plan.

David Reed Chairman

March 1816
To David Fitch Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County
You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in the choice of town officers. viz: such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding. To assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of March next at one of the Clock P. M. To consider and act on the following articles

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Art. 2^d To choose Town officers for the year ensuing

And you are alike required to summon and Notify the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, viz: such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding; and during said term have taxed for his Poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town. To assemble at the place above mentioned at three O'Clock P. M. day to consider and act on the following articles viz;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Art. 2^d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer the ensuing year

Art. 3^d To bring in their votes for a County Register

Art. 4th To raise money to repair the high ways & bridges the ensuing year

Art. 5th To know in what method the town will repair the high ways & bridges the ensuing year

Art. 6th To know if the town will restrain their cattle horses & sheep from going at large on the high ways and common lands within the limits of the town the ensuing year

Art. 7th Upon the request of Capt. Elijah Shelton for liberty to work out his highway tax on the lane leading from his house to the road the present year

And said not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the town of a meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this nineteenth day of February A. D. 1816

William Wilber }
John Kenner } Selectmen
Timothy Page

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Bedford to meet at the time and place above mentioned and for the purpose within mentioned.

March 1st 1816

David Fitch Constable

March Meeting 1816

March 4th 1816 The freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Bedford assembled. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant we acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting —

Made choice of Capt David Reed for that purpose —

2^d To choose Town officers for the ensuing year, — viz;

Town Clerk William Webber sworn

William Webber

Town Treasurer Moses Fitch sworn

Joseph Brown, into office

Town Surveyor Moses Fitch sworn

Constable Otis Reed sworn

Collector Hosea Smith, into office

is to have \$36.50 for collection

to give bonds for the faithful

performance of the same, & to

complete the collection of the

whale fish in one year from the

date of the same.

Surveyors of Highways.

Capt David Reed sworn

Ranger Sumner sworn

Eliab B. Lane sworn

Master Haywood sworn

Capt John Reed sworn

Moses Fitch sworn

Joseph Hill sworn

John Webber sworn

Capt Otis Reed sworn

Town Viewers

Joshua Page sworn

Michael Crosby sworn

Field Drivers

Eliab B. Lane sworn

Obed Pollard sworn

Nathl. Page sworn

Sealer of weights and measures

John Webber sworn

Sealer of Leather

Capt David Reed sworn

Surveyor of Lumber

Capt Elijah Shelton sworn

Dr. Simon Woodgett sworn

Fythingmen

Reuben Bacon sworn

Levi Strazne sworn

Hogues

Joshua Page sworn

John Bacon sworn

Jonathan Lane sworn

Joseph Hill sworn

Job Lane sworn

1st article in the second part of the warrant

To choose a moderator —

Made choice of Capt David Reed. —

2^d Art. To bring in their votes for a

County Treasurer there were for

John Hays of Concord — 27 votes

3^d Art. To bring in their votes for

County Register. There were for

Saml. Bartlett Esq of Cambridge. 82 votes.

4th Art. To raise money to repair the high

ways & Bridges the ensuing year —

Voted the sum of \$600.00

5th Art. To know in what mode they will

repair the high ways & bridges. Voted

to allow a man ten cents pr. hour. &

ten cents pr. hour for a yoke of oxen &

a cart. that they shall work —

6th Art. To know if the town will uphold

neat cattle horses & sheep from going at

large on the high ways and common

lands within the limits of the town

the ensuing year under regulation

of the law. Voted in the affirmative.

7th Art. To know if the town will allow

Capt Elijah Shelton to work out his

high way tax on the lane leading

from his house to the road the ensu-

ing year. Voted in the affirmative.

under the direction of the surveyors

of highways.

Recorded by

William Webber, T. Clerk

March 11th 1816. The Selectmen Put Daniel McCarter a state prisoner to Michael Crosby to be sure from this time until next May Meeting he be in the lowest bidder for the sum of \$5.00 per week.

Middlesex Co. Bedford April 1st 1816. William Webber, John Merriam and Joseph Brown, Selectmen of said Town. Came before ^{me} and made oaths that they ^{would} faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office, respecting all elections and the ultimate thereof.

Elijah Stearns Just. Peace

April Meeting 1816.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, legally assembled on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1816. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Councillors, the votes being brought in, voted & counted & declaration thereof made according to the Constitution, were as follows, viz;

For Governor.

Hon. John Brooks Esq of Bedford twenty six votes ——— 26
" Samuel Dexter Esq of Boston fifty ——— 50

Lieut Governor.

Hon. William Phillips Esq of Boston twenty six votes — 26
" William King Esq of Bath fifty three votes — 53

Senators & Councillors.

" Samuel Hear Esq of Lincoln fifty three votes ——— 53
" Timothy Smalley Esq of Cambridge fifty three votes — 53
" John Hark Esq of South Reading fifty three votes — 53
" Josiah Bostell Esq of Burlington twenty four votes — 24
" Samuel P. P. Fay Esq of Cambridge twenty three votes — 23
" Salmon Sanger Esq of Sherburn twenty three votes — 23

Wm Webber D. S. Clerk

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Seal

Middlesex Co. To All Whom These Come a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County Greeting.

Ye are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Bedford who have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs viz. such as have resided in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, & have taxed for his Poll or any estate, in any tax voted to be raised by the town. To assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the Clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles viz;

see next page

- Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.
 - Art. 2^d To raise money for support of schools the ensuing year.
 - Art. 3^d To know what method the town will proceed relating to the schools the ensuing year.
 - Art. 4th To know what method the town will take to keep the public buildings up the ensuing year.
 - Art. 5th To appoint a Committee in trust for the Poor fund the ensuing year.
 - Art. 6th To appoint a Committee to inspect the building the new Meeting house in Bedford.
- Having failed and not returned this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the selectmen by the time of said meeting
- Given under our hands & seals at Bedford the 13th day of March A.D. 1816.
- William Weber } Selectmen
John Meriam }
Joseph Brown }

In pursuance to the above warrant, I have summoned & notified the freeholders and others in habit of said Bedford to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Bedford March 25th 1816. Otho Chas. Constatte

April 1st 1816

In pursuance to the foregoing warrant, the freeholders & other legal voters of the said town assembled and acted on the articles therein contained as follows. viz.

- 1st Art. To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.
Made choice of Lieut John Meriam Moderator.
 - 2nd Art. To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year.
Voted the sum of four hundred dollars for that purpose \$400.00
 - 3rd Art. To know in what method the town will proceed relating to the schools the ensuing year.
Voted that they be kept in the common schools, as last year, under the direction of the following Committee. viz. Joseph Brown, Abel Pollard, Esq. John Webb, Benjamin Simonds, Jr. & Capt. Elijah Stetson, Secy. Thos. Chapman Chairman.
 - 4th Art. To know what method the town will take to keep up the public buildings the ensuing year.
Voted the usual method, viz. by a Committee, Benjamin Baranget, David Lane, & Eliab B. Lane, Committee.
 - 5th Art. To appoint a Committee in trust for the Poor fund the ensuing year.
Appointed William Weber, Esq. Otho Chas. Constatte, & John Meriam.
 - 6th Art. To appoint a Committee to inspect the building of the new Meeting house in Bedford.
Elijah Stetson, Esq. John Webb, Esq. Simon B. Cogsett, John Page & Benjamin Baranget, for the purposes.
- Wm. Weber & Otho Chas. Constatte

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May Meeting 1816.
Middlesex Co. To the Freeholders of the Town of Bedford
in said County greeting
You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, to Notify & warn the Male inhabitants of said Town, being
twenty one years of age, & resident in said Town for the space of one year
next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within in said Town of the ann-
ual income of ten dollars, or any Estate of the value of two hundred Dol-
lars. To assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the
15th day of May Next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of
choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of
May next.

Also to appoint a Committee to provide for a Singing School the
following winter.

Also to know if the Town will build a Messary house near the school
house in the Center of the town.

Have fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doing, thereon
unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 22 of April 1816.

Bedford May 5. 1816

Wm. Webster }
J. Meriam } Selectmen
J. Brown }

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and warned the Male
inhabitants of said town qualified as there in expressed to assemble at the
times, place & for the purpose within in mentioned. Oth. Freed Constable

May 8th 1816. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said
town assembled for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the General
Court the present year the votes being brought in & voted & counted, there
was for Leet. John Meriam fifty five votes, and he was accordingly chosen.
Leet. Meriam chosen Moderator

To appoint a Committee to provide for a Singing School the follow-
ing winter, Capt. John Freed, David Lane, & Joshua Bageford, purpose.
To know if the town will build a Messary house near the school
house in the center of the town, voted in the affirmative.

The Town choose a Committee to report a plan. — which was
as follows, viz. that said house be built 8 feet long & 5 feet wide
& 6 feet high with light roof, one window with 4 lights, 7 by 7 glass
the window to lift, to board up & down & clap boarded, & well
shingled, two sections each apartment, one high & the other low, and
Pellison in the middle. — the frame to be made with Sticks, without
stud or post. — the floor to be double — two doors with 2 panels in
each, with suitable hinges, latches & buttons, to be painted with Spanish
Brown, & underpined with suitable stone, and the inside to be, white
washed, all which is Her. submitted. Elijan Stearns }
with Gooding. } Committee
John Meriam }

the Town accepted the foregoing report. - and then proceeded to let out the building for home to the lowest bidder, and was struck off to Cap^t David Reed for twenty three dollars & twenty four cents. \$23.25
 to be completed by the 1st day of June next
 The Selectmen put Dinah a Negro woman to board with Bradley Rance untill next May Meeting at one dollar & fifty cents pr. week. \$1.50...
 also put Daniel McBarter a state hanger to board with John Reed pr. untill Nov & September Meeting at three dollars pr. week. — \$3.00.
 The Selectmen appointed Eliab Po Lane Pound keeper for the ensuing year.
 also appointed Jesse Robinson Sacton for the ensuing year.
 William Witter Secy

23rd May 1816
 Middlesex Co Ctis Reed a Constable of the town of Bedford in said County greeting

you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon & Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town Meetings, viz every citizen who has arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding, & hath been taxed for his Poll or any other in any tax voted to be raised by the town. To assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Thursday the 23rd day of this Instant May. at four of the Clock in the afternoon to consider & act on the following Articles viz.

- Art. 1 To choose a moderator for said Meeting.
 Art. 2 To know if it be the mind of the town to reconsider their former vote fixing the spot to set the new Meeting house upon, and agree upon some place that the town shall think best for & house to stand.

Sheweth that he hath taken of the warrant with you doing the contents of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
 Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this thirteenth day of May 1816.

Wm Webber { Selectmen
 Josn Horiam
 Joseph Brown

In pursuance to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town to assemble at the time & place for the purpose within the town of Bedford May 23rd 1816. Ctis Reed Constable.
 May 23rd 1816. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants assembled for the purpose of acting on the articles therein contained, viz.

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
 Made choice of Jos^s Amariah Pastor Moderator
 Art. 2nd To know if it be the mind of the town to reconsider their former vote fixing the spot to set the new Meeting house upon, and agree upon some place that the town shall think best for said house to stand
 The Town appointed a Committee of Eleven men to take matter into consideration, and report at the present Meeting, viz.

May 25th 1809

The lines & bounds, between the Towns of Concord and Bedford were perambulated and renewed to the satisfaction of the parties, by James Bunt & Nathans Wood of Concord, & John Merriam & John Sheagor of Bedford.

May 25th 1809

The lines & bounds, between the Towns of Bedford & Lincoln were perambulated and renewed to the satisfaction of the parties, by W^m Webber & David Sheagor of Bedford & Saml. Moor & Joshua Brooks of Lincoln.

June 26th 1809

The lines and bounds between the Towns of Bedford and Burlington ~~to~~ were perambulated & renewed to the satisfaction of the parties, by W^m Webber & John Merriam of Bedford & Joseph M^l. Dyer & Jonathan Vinnard of Burlington.

June 27th 1809

The Selectmen of Bedford & Carlisle Meet agreeably to appointment for the purpose of perambulating the line between said Towns, and agree that the Middle of the Bridge & the Middle of the River be the bounds between said Towns, W^m Webber & David Sheagor on the part of Bedford and John Jacobs & Timothy Heals on the part of Carlisle

September 22^d 1809

The lines and bounds between the Towns of Billerica and Bedford were perambulated and renewed to the satisfaction of the parties, by John Crosby & Joseph Blomston on the part Billerica & W^m Webber & David Sheagor of Bedford

October 10th 1809

The lines and bounds, between the Towns of Lexington and Bedford were perambulated and renewed to the satisfaction of the parties, by Nathan Chandler and Joseph Harrington on the part of Lexington and William Webber David Rice & John Merriam on the part of Bedford

May 24th 1814

The lines and bounds between the Towns of Concord & Bedford were perambulated and renewed to the satisfaction of the parties by Nathan Bunt & Thomas Wheeler of Concord, and Timothy Page & John Sheagor of Bedford.

October 21st 1814

The lines and bounds between the Town of Billerica & Bedford
were perambulated and renewed, to the satisfaction of the parties
by John Cressley and Joseph Jaguff Jr on the part of Billerica
and William Webber and John Webber on the part of Bedford

October 25th 1814

The lines and bounds between the Town of Bedford and
Burlington, were perambulated and renewed to the satisfaction
of the parties, by William Webber & John Webber on the part of Bedford
and John Wood and Nath^l. Cutter on the part of Burlington

Jan^y 4th 1815

Then we the subscribers renewed the bounds between the town
of Bedford and Lexington to our satisfaction

John Merriam } of Bedford
Nathan Chandler } of Lexington
Jona Lawrence }

March 1st 1816 Saml Jann Wright Jr and others

to repair the Dial for the use of said March

June 4th 1819, the lines & bounds between the Towns of Concord and
Bedford, were renewed, as the law directs, by Thomas Hubbard of Concord
& John Merriam } of Bedford
& Joseph Brown }

Nov. 8th 1819, the lines and bounds, between the Towns of Billerica & Bedford
were renewed as the law directs, by Saml. Whiting &

John Cressley } of Billerica
John Merriam } of Bedford
Joseph Brown }

Nov. 15th 1819, the lines and bounds between the Towns of Bedford
and Burlington, were renewed as the law directs, by

John Merriam } Bedford
Joseph Brown }
Calvin Sumner } Burlington
James Prescott }

Sept 4 1820.

Then we the subscribers, as it agreed to appoint us, and
perambulated, the lines & renewed the bounds between the Towns
of Lexington and Bedford

William Webber } select men of
Elijah Shelton } Bedford
Charles Price } one of the
Joseph Smith } select men of
Lexington
by appointment

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Town Meeting 23. May Brought from the 27th Page. AD 1816
Committee Elijah Stearns, Josiah Pustan, Capt. David Reed, Lt
John Keniam, Dea Thaddous Davis, Capt. John Reed, Eleazer Davis Jr
David Lane, Dea Moses Fitch, Benjⁿ Bacon Jr & Capt. Elijah Shelton.
After attending the service assigned them, reported as follows, viz:
That in our opinion, (all things considered) it will be most con-
venient and best for the town, to sell the Meeting house, South of the Elm
trees, which stand South of the old Meeting house, so that the body of
the house range with said trees, fronting North, and also reconsider their
former vote fixing the spot for said house 40 feet in front of the old house -
which report was accepted by the town. -
The town then appointed the Selectmen, a Committee to agree with
Joshua Page & Levi Wilton the undertakers to build said house, respecting
the damage to P. Page & Wilton (if any there be) by removing or establish-
ing different place for the Meeting house to stand, from that agreed
upon by the town before the said house was lot out, and allow the same.
A. B. a motion was made (on a subject not inserted in the warrant)
to know if the town would have the door stop at the Meeting house
2 1/2 feet wide, instead of 2 feet as agreed for. - and pay the extra
expense. voted that the Committee appointed to inspect the building
said house make the alteration if they think necessary and make a
reasonable allowance. -

The Selectmen made up an account for the support of Daniel
McBester to the 22nd of May 1816

September Meeting 1816.

- LS Middlesex Co. To Levi Wilton a Freeholder of the town of
LS Bedford in said County. Greeting.
LS You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to summon & Notify the freeholders and other
inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs,
viz, every citizen who has arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided
in said town for the space of one year next preceding, & has been taxed
per his Poll or any Estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town.
to assemble at the center school house in said town on Monday the 9th
day of September next at three of the clock in the afternoon to consider
and act on the following articles viz:
Art. 1 To have a Moderator for said meeting
Art. 2 To know if the town will accept of a list of names made out by the Selectmen
Art. 3 To have a Constable in the room of Otis Padwick who has removed from town
Art. 4 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year
Art. 5 To know in what method the town will procure the fuel used for
the said Samuel Stearns the ensuing year. -

Comd forward

Sept Meeting Past forwarded.

At 1. To know if it be the mind of the town to have the Meeting House finished sooner than was calculated upon, or do any thing respecting said house they may think best.

At 2. Upon the request of a Number of the inhabitants to know if it be the mind of the town to procure a Bell, or do any thing respecting it the town may think best.

He did fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hand & seal at Bedford above said the twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1810.

Wm. Webber
John Meriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have Summoned & Notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time & place for the purposes therein mentioned.
Bedford Sept 9th 1810. Levi Wilson

September 9th 1810 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, assembled and acted upon the articles therein contained - viz.

At 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Made Choice of Dr. Amariah Pester.

At 2. To know if the town will accept of a list of names made out by the Selectmen. Voted in the affirmative.

At 3. To choose a Constable in the room of Capt. John Dickson who has removed from town. Made Choice of Levi Wilson for a Constable and he was accordingly sworn.

At 4. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$500.00

At 5. To know in what method the town will procure the fire wood for the year, Samuel Stearns the ensuing year voted the usual method and appointed Capt. David Reid, William Hortwell, & Dr. Hove & Co. a Committee for the purpose.

At 6. To know if it be the mind of the town to have the meeting house finished sooner than calculated upon, or do any thing respecting said house they may think best. The town voted to have the Meeting House finished

By the first day of July Next, instead of the first of Nov. 1811 and to name the future ^{to the undertakers} payments as follows, viz the fourth installment

on the first of October Next, instead of December next, the fifth installment on the first of December Next, instead of June Next, and five hundred

dollar on the first of May 1814, and the undertakers are to allow interest for the above said 500 from the first of May untill the house is done, and

one half of the remaining sum for building the Meeting house to be paid in thirty days after the house is done without interest, and the other half

in six months after the house is finished, and accepted, with interest and then voted to continue the article to next year meeting for further consideration.

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William Herbert D. Clark

November Meeting 1896

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29. - Mrs. Hobbins. P. 63

Locumtenens of

Dr. Richard Lind

The Support of Daniel M. Carter from Nov. 1815 to the time of his
Death Jan. 1816 amounting to ... \$183. 38
Drawn from the Treasurer Jan. 8th December 1816. for his support 118 50
Paid the undertakers of the Meeting house \$79. 50 of the above sum
the remainder Paid for D. M. Carter's support & other debts

March Meeting 1817. —

L.S. Middlebury Jr. Do Oth's Meed a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said
County. Greeting —
L.S. You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass-
L.S. chusetts, to Notify and Summon the freeholders and other inhabitants
of said Town, qualified to vote in the choice of Town Officers, viz. such
as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said Town
for the space of one year next preceding. To assemble at the
Center School house on Monday the third day of March next, at one
of the clock P.M. for the following purposes, viz.

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting

Art. 2^d To Choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.

And you are alike required to summon and Notify the inhabitants
of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, viz. such as have
arrived to the age of 21 years, and resided in said Town for the space of
one year next preceding, and during said term have been taxed for
their Polls, or any other tax, so as to be rated to be raised by the town.
To assemble on the day and place above said at three of the clock
P.M. for the following purposes, viz. —

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting

Art. 2^d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing

Art. 3^d To raise money to repair the Highway & Bridge the ensuing year —

Art. 4th To know in what method the Town will repair the same.

Art. 5th To know if the Town will refrain that Castle &c. from going at large
agreeably to a law of the Commonwealth.

Art. 6th To know if the Town will appoint a School Committee at this
Meeting, in the April Meeting.

And fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon
unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 18th day of October 1817.

Wm. Webber }
John Meriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

Bedford March 2^d 1817. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have sum-
moned and Notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town
of Bedford qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time, place and
for the purposes within mentioned.

Oth's Meed Constable of Bedford

106 March Meeting. 1817. Dict over.

March the 3. 1817. Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the freeholders & inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town meeting assembled at the time and place therein expressed, and acted upon the articles therein contained, as follows.

Art^s. To choose a Moderator for said meeting, made choice of Cap^t. David Reed

Art^s. To choose town officers for the ensuing year. — — —

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| Levi Wilson | } | Dealer of Wightman, Measured |
| William Wilber, sworn | | Eliza Stearns Esq. sworn |

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| Selebman William Webber, sworn | } | Dealer of Leather |
| John Meriam, sworn | | James Wright, Jr. sworn |
| Joseph Brown | | |

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| Town Treasurers | } | Surveyor of Lumber |
| Moses Sitch, sworn | | Lt. Master Hayward sworn |
| | | Joshua Page — sworn |

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| Constables | } | Tythingmen |
| Levi Wilson sworn | | Obed Pollard — sworn |
| Moses Hutchinson | | Levi Page — sworn |

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| Collector | } | Pound keeper |
| Moses Hutchinson, sworn | | John Bacon — sworn |

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| is to have \$38.00 for said service | } | Hogreever |
| and is to give Bond to the satisfaction | | Michael Crosby sworn |
| of the faithful discharge of his duties | | Benjamin Horner sworn |
| and complete the collection of the | | John Jones |
| whole sum committed to him in | | Charles Hayward sworn |
| one year from the date of his list | | Lt. Reed |
| or forfeit the fee for collection. | | Benjamin Reed sworn |
| | | Asa Fitch sworn |

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| Surveyors of Highways. | } | Cap ^t . David Reed sworn |
| | | Wm Hartwell sworn |
| | | Eliah B. Lane sworn |
| | | Timothy Jones — sworn |
| | | Clearer Davis, Jr. sworn |
| | | Jacob Gragg — sworn |
| | | Jonah Hill — sworn |
| | | Benjamin Benson sworn |
| | | Lt. Cannon & Lodge, sworn |

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| Honey viewers. | } | Eliah B. Lane sworn |
| | | Nathl. Page, Jr. sworn |

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| Field drivers. | } | Eliah B. Lane sworn |
| | | Samuel Page sworn |
| | | Cap ^t . John Reed, sworn |
| | | Lt. Asa Porter |
| | | Nathl. Page, sworn |

- March Meeting, 1817. Read forward Suffracting Town affair —
- 1st To choose a Moderator for 2nd meeting, made choice of Capt. David Reed.
- 2nd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- the vote being brought in as follows & counted therefor John & ye Esq of Concord for 100 votes — — — — — 41 votes
- 3rd To raise money to repair the highways and Bridges the ensuing year.
- 4th To know in what method the Town will repair the same.
- The Town voted to raise the sum of \$500. for said purpose. to be laid out in the following manner, viz. voted that \$400 of said sum be applied and too's summing all the necessary of Highways in the usual manner, and that the remaining \$100. be applied in the inhabitants of P. Town as other Town charges, and then adjourned. Michael Cresley, Legl David Reed and Eliah Nelson a Committee to lay out said \$100. on the road from Carlisle Bridge to Lexington line, according to their best skill & Judgment.
- 5th To know if the Town will restrain Next Cattle from going at large on the highways and Common lands within the limits of the Town the ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative.
- 6th To know if the Town will appoint a School Committee at this Meeting instead of April Meeting for the coming year, voted in the affirmative. The Committee, Jesse Robinson, Michael Cresley, Jonas Putnam, Joel Sprague, Dea Pollard, and Rev. Samuel Stearns Chairman.
- Recorded by William Webber. Town Clerk.

Address for Report March 24 1817. William Webber from the Town of Bedford, selectmen of said Town Council for me and make oath that they will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all petitions and the returns thereon.

Elijah Stearns Just. Peace

April Meeting 1817

- L.S. Middlesex. To Levi Wilson a Constable of the Town of Bedford
- L.S. in said County. Greeting,
- L.S. you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. aches. to commandably notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Bedford. who have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and qualified by laws to vote in Town affairs, viz. and who have resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding, and been taxed for their Poll, or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the Town. To assemble at the Center School house in Bedford on Monday the seventh day of April Next at two of the clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.
- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

April Meeting 1817 continued

- Res. 1st To raise money for the support of the school the ensuing year.
- Res. 2^d To know in what method the Town will proceed relating to the schools, the ensuing year.
- Res. 3^d To know what method the Town will take to keep the Castle Bridge in repair the year ensuing.
- Res. 4th To appoint a committee in Town for the Page fund in Bedford for the ensuing year.
- Res. 5th To appoint a committee to attend to any road that may be proposed to be laid out within the limits of the Town the present year.
- Res. 6th Upon the request of Mr. David Little for liberty to work over his highway tax the present year between his Mill & the road.
- Res. 7th To know what method the Town will take to level the Common and raise the ground around the Meeting house.
- Res. 8th To know if the Town will give a bounty on brown heads caught and killed within the limits of the Town, the ensuing year.

Have of fait not and make return of this warrant with your devoirs shown to one of the Selectmen in the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this twenty fourth day of March A.D. 1817.

William Webber }
John Meriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Male inhabitants of sd. Town, qualified as there is expressed to me that the time and place & for the purpose therein mentioned.

Bedford April 7th 1817. Levi Wilson Constable.

April 7th 1817. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the said Town assembled, and acted on the articles therein contained viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Made choice of Thomas Jones Brown Esq.

2^d To raise money for the support of the school the ensuing year.

Voted the sum of \$400.00 for said purpose.

3^d To know in what method the Town will proceed relating to the schools the ensuing year.

Voted the same as last year viz. that the each District draw their own money, and the remainder be equally divided among the other schools.

4th To know what method the Town will take to keep the Castle Bridge in repair the year ensuing year.

Voted that Michael Biesley, Capt David Sledge and Eliab W. Lane, be a committee for the purpose.

5th 21. To appoint a Committee in Trust for the Page fund in Bedford, for the ensuing year. -
Made choice of William Webber, Capt David Reed & Dr. Moses Litch for Dr. purpose

6th 22 To appoint a Committee to attend to any roads that may be prepared to be laid out within the limits of the town the present year. The town appointed John Meriam, Michael Crosby, William Webber, Jacob G. Jagg, & Marshall Weston.

7th 23 When the request of Mr David Litch, for liberty to work on his highway tax the present year, between his mill and the road, voted in the affirmative, under the sanction of the voters.

8th 24 To know what method the town will take to level the common and raise the ground around the meeting house.
The town appointed a committee for the purpose, of Jacob G. Jagg, John Meriam, John Webber, Elijah Stearns Esq., and L. Mather Hayward, to procure the work done (if they can) free of expense to the town.

9th 25 To know if the town will give a bounty on brown headed caught killed within the limits of the town, the ensuing year. & voted in the affirmative.

2^d The town voted 25 cents for old, & 12 1/2 cts for young brown heads.
Recorded by Wm Webber & Clerk

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor &c. legally assembled on Monday the 7th day of April A.D. 1817, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators.
The votes being first ascertained and counted & Declaration made there were

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|------------------------|---|---|----------|
| For Governor | { | For Hon. John Brooks Esq of Medford | 29 votes |
| | | Henry Dearborn Esq of Boston | 58 |
| Lieut Governor | { | William Phillips Esq of Boston | 28 |
| | | William G. Jagg Esq of Bedford | 57 |
| Senators & Counsellors | { | For Hon. Archel Stearns Esq of Charleston | 27 |
| | | Samuel P. P. Fay Esq of Cambridge | 29 |
| | | Joseph Loom Esq of Billerica | 27 |
| | | Joseph B. Varnum Esq of Braintree | 58 |
| | | Samuel Dana Esq of Groton | 58 |
| | | John Hart Esq of South Reading | 58 |

Wm Webber & Clerk

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgton, legally assembled on the 5th day of May, A.D. 1817, for the purpose of choosing a representative to the General Court the present year.

The Town voted not to send a representative the present year.

Middlesex ss. He Levi Wilson a constable of the Town of Bridgton in said County.

L.S. You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and Notify the freeholders and other qualified persons of said Town, qualified to vote in Town Meetings, viz; such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, and have been taxed in any tax voted to be raised by the Town. To assemble at the Center School House in said Town on Monday the 5th day of May next, at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Art. 2. To know what method the Town will take to finish levelling the Common.

Art. 3. To know what method the Town will take to hang the Bells. And for paying Capt David Reed for preparing the foundation for the underspinning. And Mr Probersin for the price under the Meeting House, or any other business relative to the Meeting House. The Town may think proper.

And if fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings, thereunto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hand, & seal at Bridgton this twenty first day of April, A.D. 1817.

John Kenyon }
Joseph Brown } Selectmen

In pursuance to the foregoing warrant I have Notified and caused the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as there is expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned Levi Wilson Const.

May the 5th 1817. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town Meetings, assembled at the Center School House, and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz:

1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting, made choice of Thompson Bacon. 2. To know what method the Town will take to finish levelling the Common. The Town voted that, the same Committee viz; John Kenyon, Jacob Gregg, John Kenyon, John Webber, and Nathl. Stannard with the addition of David Lane, of Bridgton, be a Committee, as they shall think best and render an account of the whole expense thereof unto the officers of said Town, and that said expense be defrayed on the Bells and Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town, and that each person who has worked on said Common, draw an order for the same, as followed by the Committee.

May Meeting 1819. Continued

1st Res. To know what method the Town will take to hang the Bell — and for paying Capt. David Reed for preparing the foundation for the underpinning, — and Mr Robinson for the friers under the Meeting house, — or any other business relative to the meeting house, the Town thinks best —

The Town voted as follows viz.

1st Res. That the Committee of Congregational means, viz. David Reed, John Merriam, Simon Blodgett, Michael Crosby, and Joshua Page, be empowered to bring said Bell from Boston, and hang the same on the Meeting house, in the manner they may think will most be beneficial to the Town. And report the expense, (should there be any over and above what the Town the Town has already appropriated for the purpose of Purchasing S. Bell &c.) to the officers, to be added to the next Town tax.

2nd Res. Appointed a Committee viz. David Reed, Thompson Watson, Joshua Page, William Webber, Elijah Weston, Moses Fitch, David Lane,

Arthur Hayward, John Reed, John Merriam, & Robert Lincoln to appraise the Pew in the Meeting house, by assessing the whole expense of building said House, including extra bills &c. (including the Comm. and hanging the Bell excepted) on the same according to rank and situation of said pews. &c. &c.

3rd Res. That no Town Meetings, nor trainings, or shows, or political affairs shall ever be held or done in the Meeting house, and no other Town business shall be done in said house, except by permission of the Selectmen for the time being, — and that this vote shall be annexed to the articles of the Sale of the pews.

4th Res. That no person shall hang his hat or hats on any post, or on the wall of the house, or on any other Machine, above the railing of the pews on the lower floor, in the body of S. Meeting house, nor on the front of the galleries, nor on the walls in the galleries.

5th Res. That the Committee be also empowered to make sale of the pews at Auction, after the Meeting house is finished and accepted, in the way and manner they may think will be most beneficial to the Town according to the instructions which have already been or may hereafter be given by the Town

Recorded by H. H. H. H. H.

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Middlesex Co. To Levi Wilson a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County. — — — — — Greeting.

LS You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town
LS qualified by law to vote in Town meetings, viz, such as have arrived to the
LS age of twenty years, and resided in said Town for the space of one year
next preceding, and have been taxed for their Polls, or any estate, in any
tax voted to be raised by the Town, to assemble at the Center School House
in said Town on Monday the thirtieth day of ~~the~~ this Instant June, at
three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
Art. 2. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to inspect the build-
ing of the Meeting House, and as therein as they shall think proper.
Art. 3. To know what further instructions the Town will give the Comm-
ittee appointed ^{on the case of} to ~~appoint~~ the Jews in the Meeting House (in case
they should accept said house) and appoint the time & place
Art. 4. To know if the Town will give an credit to the purchaser of said
any what length of time, and what part, with good security.
Art. 5. To appoint a razant or agent to give notice of said purchase
if necessary) in behalf of the Town.
Art. 6. To appoint a time for dedicating the Meeting House and make
arrangement for the same, and transact any other business
respecting the Meeting House it may think best.

And said said not and make return of this warrant with your doing,
they on unto one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hand & Seal of Bedford this sixteenth day
of June A.D. 1817.
William Miller }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & commanded
the inhabitants of the Town qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein stated.
Bedford June 30th 1817, Levi Wilson Constable.

June 30th - 1817.

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants Meet and acted on the articles therein contained viz.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting

made choice of Capt. David Pried For the purpose

Art. 2. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to build inspect the building of the Meeting house and to act thereon as they may think best.

The Committee reported that the Materials were generally as good as was expected and the work for the most part according to the agreement, but that there were several deficiencies viz. in the boarding and some part of the Cist boardin^g &c. and more particular the Shingling, which leaked in several places. — The Town voted to accept the Meeting house, so far as it is finished, upon conditions that the undertakers complete the work of the unfinished parts of said house according to agreement, and particularly repair the Shingling do as to stop all leakage in the roof of said house, and the Cist in several places &c. and also that the undertakers bring no charge for any work which they have already done and then appeared to be satisfied and withdrew all agreement.

Art. 3. To know what further instructions the Town will give the Committee, appointed to make sale of the present Meeting house, on condition that it should be sold and appoint the time of sale.

The Town voted that the Committee proceed to sell the house on the 1st day of July next, at Public Auction, sale to commence at 9 o'clock till in the afternoon.

Art. 4. To know if they will give any reward to the purchasers of pieces of any or which part and for what length of time, with good security.

The Town voted that the Purchasers should pay twenty five per cent down, twenty five per cent in six months, twenty five per cent in twelve months, and the remainder in eighteen months from the time of sale, with good security as well as all be subject to the agent that may be appointed to give title to the house on behalf of the Town, interest from the time of sale and also to allow for all monies paid down, over twenty five per cent.

Art. 5. To appoint an agent or agents to give title to the house to the Purchaser, if necessary in but all of the Town. The Town appointed Jas. Davis, do for said purpose, and also appointed the selectmen as a committee to assist in doing, and to approve of the or disapprove of the security which may be offered for the Payment of said piece.

Art. 6. To appoint a time for erecting the Meeting House and make arrangements for the same and transact any other business respecting the Meeting house they may think best.

Art. 7. The Town voted that the Meeting house be dedicated on Tuesday the 18th of July next, the exercises to begin at 10 o'clock at which time Mr. Weston, Minister of the said Church, and inform him accordingly, and also petition to perform the services usual on such occasion.

Art. 8. Appointed a man to hire a religious team & harness & harness a carriage to make arrangements for said day as they shall think proper.

Art. 9. Appointed Capt. David Pried, Capt. John Pried & others to confer with the Committee, and act as they shall think best.

Art. 10. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$20.00 as a reward for the building house voted that the Meeting house be moved to the 1st day of July next to be finished by the 1st day of July next.

June 30th 1814. Bred over -
 Voted that the thanks of the Town of Bidford be presented to Mr. Jeremiah
 Bitch of Preston, for his friendly assistance in negotiating for a Bell
 at England and other accommodations for the building a Meeting House
 and that the said Samuel Adams be desired to present according to
 July 1st agreeably to adjournment the Town met and passed the following
 vote viz.

1st Voted to pay for the Mahogany railing to the Desk and Pew in
 of the money raised by the sale of the Pews in the Meeting House
 2nd Voted that the Committee appointed to hang the Bell make such alterations
 as they may think best, for ringing the same.

3rd Voted the sum of 10 \pounds to the Committee of arrangements for the Dedication
 of the Meeting house, to procure Music for the occasion.

The Selectmen had the care of the Meeting house & Bell to James
 Wright Jr for 11 \pounds 25 untill next May Meeting viz to ring the Bell
 at three in the forenoon and three in the afternoon at the usual times and
 also to toll the Bell as is common when the Minister is coming in, and
 also to toll the Bell at funerals if he shall have notice of the same in any
 manner, also to sweep the Meeting house 6 times below and three times
 above, the Saturdays preceding Conventions days, also to dust the seats
 and pews and Bristons with a brush, to open the doors seasonably on all
 days of Public worship, and to chart the same, & also to repair, in medi-
 ately after the services are closed, and to clear away the snow from the steps
 and a sufficient breadth from the same, when necessary, and also to carry
 into the house the basin of water for the ordinance of baptism when requested.

Recorded by W^m Wether 2. 6. 1814

Bidford June 26th 1814. The Committee appointed to ascertain the cost
 of Building the Meeting house also to appraise the pews, and also to
 make sale of the pews. report as follows viz.

They find that the whole expense (that has come to their knowledge) of
 the Meeting house amounts to the sum of \pounds 610 10 00

They then proceeded to appraise the Pews, as follows. viz. & as voted July 1st 1814.

| Pews | Appraised | Bid for | Amount | Starches as Name |
|--------|-----------|---------|----------|--------------------|
| Number | value | choice | total | |
| 1 | 134 | 28 | 162 | Levi Stinson |
| 2 | 134 | 10 - 50 | 144 - 50 | Thompson Bacon Esq |
| 3 | 144 | 32 - 50 | 176 - 50 | Alford Hatch |
| 4 | 144 | 22 | 166 | St. Mother Stinson |
| 5 | 144 | 28 | 167 | Michael Conesley |
| 6 | 144 | 22 - 50 | 166 - 50 | Joshua Chge |
| 7 | 144 | 20 | 159 | St. John Meriam |
| | 983 | 158. 50 | 1141. 50 | |

| No. | Appraised value \$ | Value for crown \$ | Amount for Sale for \$ | Creditors & Dates |
|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 983— | 158—50 | 1141—50 | Brought forward |
| 8 | 137— | 21— | 160— | Jeremiah Fitch Boston |
| 9 | 124— | 21—50 | 145—50 | Capt. James Reed |
| 10 | 124— | 13—50 | 137—50 | Stephen Lane |
| 11 | 109— | 13—50 | 122—50 | David Fitch |
| 12 | 109— | 14— | 123— | Benjamin Bacon Jr |
| 13 | 94— | 10— | 104— | Job Lane |
| 14 | 94— | 9— | 103— | Nehemiah Simonds |
| 15 | 74— | 10— | 89— | Joel Fitch |
| 16 | 74— | 15—50 | 89—50 | James Robinson |
| 17 | 59— | 7—50 | 66—50 | Michael Crosby |
| 18 | 59— | 5—50 | 64—50 | David Shelton |
| 19 | 99— | 40— | 139— | Dr. Amariah Preston |
| 20 | Appropriated for a Memorial Burying | | | |
| 21 | 119— | 17—50 | 136—50 | Timothy Jones |
| 22 | 119— | 7—50 | 123—50 | Jonathan Lane |
| 23 | 129— | 21—50 | 150—50 | Loel Sprague |
| 24 | 129— | 20— | 149— | Capt. David Reed |
| 25 | 109— | 24— | 133— | Jeremiah Fitch Boston |
| 26 | 109— | 22— | 131— | Benjamin Simonds Jr |
| 27 | 119— | 13— | 132— | Solomon Lane |
| 28 | 119— | 20—50 | 139—50 | Dr. Moses Fitch |
| 29 | 101— | 8—50 | 109—50 | David Lane |
| 30 | 101— | 16— | 117— | John Webber |
| 31 | 109— | 8— | 112— | Capt. David Reed |
| 32 | 109— | 11— | 120— | Roger Lane |
| 33 | 109— | 7— | 118— | Michael Crosby |
| 34 | 109— | 16— | 125— | Willard Buttrick |
| 35 | 101— | 10— | 111— | John Jones |
| 36 | 101— | 14— | 115— | Moses Page |
| 37 | 79— | 8—50 | 87—50 | Jeremiah Fitch Boston |
| 38 | 79— | 16—50 | 95—50 | Isaac Mead |
| 39 | 84— | 15—50 | 99—50 | Charles Davis Jr |
| 40 | 84— | 14— | 98— | Joseph Brown |
| 41 | 74— | 13—50 | 87—50 | Oliver Pollard |
| 42 | 74— | 14— | 88— | Amos Page Jr |
| 43 | 59— | 9— | 68— | St. John Meriam |
| 44 | 59— | 15—50 | 74—50 | William Webber |
| 45 | 49— | 7—50 | 56—50 | Levi Hill |
| | 4673— | 694— | 5268— | |

| 11.6 50 | Appraised value | Bids for chain | Sum at Sale per | Refused & Amos |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | |

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| 46 | 44 | 15 | 04 | David Price |
| 47 | 119 | 21 | 140 | Moses Fitch Jr |
| 48 | 119 | 19 | 138 | John Reed |
| 49 | 119 | 20 - 50 | 139 - 50 | Elijah Stearns Esq |
| 50 | 119 | 20 - 50 | 139 - 50 | Capt. Elijah Shetton |
| 51 | 119 | 21 - 50 | 140 - 50 | Simon Stearns |
| 52 | 119 | 20 - 50 | 139 - 50 | Jonas Putnam |
| 53 | 84 | 15 | 99 | Samuel Sage |
| 54 | 84 | 15 - 50 | 99 - 50 | James Webber |
| 55 | 64 | 15 - 50 | 79 - 50 | Eliak B. Lane |
| 56 | 64 | 16 - 50 | 80 - 50 | Capt. William Gooding |

Pews in the Galleries -

| | | | | |
|-----|----|--------|---------|----------------------------|
| 501 | 35 | 9 | 44 | Lt. Master Hayward |
| 2 | 35 | 9 - 50 | 44 - 50 | David Fitch |
| 3 | 35 | 8 | 43 | Benjamin Simonds Jr |
| 4 | 35 | 7 - 50 | 42 - 50 | Elijah Bacon |
| 5 | 35 | 9 - 50 | 44 - 50 | David Reed Jr |
| 6 | 35 | 8 | 43 | Obad Hillard |
| 7 | 35 | 0 | 35 | to Benjamin & Obad Simonds |
| 8 | 35 | 9 | 44 | Lt. Simon Bloodgood |
| 9 | 30 | 50 | 30 - 50 | William Hartwell Jr |
| 10 | 30 | 1 | 31 | Capt. David Reed |
| 11 | 25 | 6 | 31 | Samuel Spaulding Billman |
| 12 | 25 | 7 - 50 | 32 - 50 | James Waight Jr |
| 13 | 25 | 5 | 30 | John Reed Jr |
| 14 | 25 | 1 - 50 | 26 - 50 | Capt. Elijah Shetton |
| 15 | 25 | 8 | 32 | Josiah Page |
| 16 | 25 | 4 | 29 | Michael Crosby |

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Deduct 99 for the Ministerial Pews

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gains in the sale of the Pews
more than the cost of the Pews
appraised at the Pews

David Reed Jr order

Recorded by William Webber

October 20th 1817.

The Selectmen, agreed with William Page to set 16 white oak posts in front of the Meeting house, to 5 1/2 feet long, to inches through at the bottom & 4 at top clear to a knob & square, & set in the ground, painted with oil to be completed in two months, for the sum of \$11 each - total \$176

Also with Simon Blodgett for 3 window blinds one in the Ministerial pew and one in each of the windows opposite the pulpit, to be hung & painted and hung in manner & form similar to the one in Doc. Pesters Pew, to be done for in six weeks, for \$2.70 each - total \$8.10

Jan 9th 1818. Resolved to a vote of the Town that the sum of \$1000 be appropriated to the Selectmen to be used in the purchase of land, & a quantity of fence for the use of the Minister - and agreeable to the vote of the Town in the 9th article in the warrant for the purchase of the land, & the 2^d of the 11th article, they have assigned and do hereby assign the sum of \$200, for the purchase of land, & instead the sum of \$200, heretofore assigned for that purpose.

Wm. McKee Chairman of Selectmen

April 1st 1818, agreeable to a vote of the Town the Selectmen have sold the land & fence as was ordered by the warrant, & have received the sum of \$1000, & the following certificate of the sum paid with appropriate receipt, & have

| The expense of the Meeting house, &c. | | \$ | |
|--|----|-----|-------|
| To Joshua Page & Levi Wilson the undertaker, including other jobs and the Mahogany to cap the pew | | 56 | 42 45 |
| David Price & J. Robinson for raising the foundation for underpinning | | 132 | 00 |
| Trimming the Desk | | 76 | 66 |
| Commission table and chair | | 18 | 50 |
| Interest paid for money borrowed | | 134 | 04 |
| Two percent allowed the purchasers of pews on the money paid over one quarter part of the purchase | | 42 | 24 |
| paid the Committee of ways & means | | 116 | 25 |
| Francis Wilson for extra plastering | | 15 | 00 |
| William Page for 16 posts round the door | | 17 | 76 |
| David Price for lengthening the Spindle | | 4 | 00 |
| paid the inspecting Committee for their services | | 62 | 00 |
| Simon Blodgett for 3 window blinds | | 8 | 10 |
| For writing and delivering deeds of the pews, &c. | | 24 | 80 |
| Preparatory for dedication of the Meeting house including music | | 15 | 50 |
| expense of the sale of the pews | | 13 | 16 |
| Printing the dedication sermon | | 22 | 75 |
| Extra expense of the Bell, more than the town appropriated | | 126 | 45 |
| Copies in exchanging Ministerial pews | | 43 | 50 |
| 1821 May 1 st New York & New York. Paid discount on May | 41 | 20 | |
| Paid Abner Ham for repairing Meeting house | 73 | 68 | 90 |
| | 10 | 30 | |
| | 65 | 20 | 64 |

September, 1817.

L.S.
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Middlesex Co. To Herkiah Hutchinson a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County.

Greeting.

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and Notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, viz. Such as have arrived to the age of twenty one year, and reside in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, & have been taxed for their Poll or any Estate in any tax voted to be raised by the Town; To assemble at the Centerville School house in said Town on Monday the 15th day of September next at Two of the clock in the afternoon, to consider and act on the following articles viz;

- Art. 1st. To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- Art. 2^d. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.
- Art. 3^d. To know what method the Town will take to procure the firewood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the ensuing year.
- Art. 4th. To know to what use the Town will appropriate the surplus money which the Pews sold for more than the the Meeting house in case Town costs (if any there be).

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hand and seals at Bedford this 15th of August 1817,
 Wm Noble }
 John Meriam } Selectmen
 Joseph Brown }

Bedford September 15th 1817.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time & place for the purposes within mentioned.
 Herkiah Hutchinson Constable

September 15th 1817 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants assembled and acted on the articles therein contained. viz.

- Art. 1st To choose a moderator for said Meeting.
 Made a choice of Lt John Meriam, for said purpose.
- Art. 2^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year. - Voted the sum of \$430. 00
- Art. 3^d To know what method the Town will take to procure the firewood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the ensuing year.
 Voted the usual way, viz. by a Committee, to wit Capt. David Reed, Capt. Timothy Page, & Elijah Stearns Esq.

carried forward

Art. 4 To know, to what use the Town will appropriate the surplus Money which the Town vote for, more than the Meeting house in said Town cost, if any there be.
 Voted, that the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, be a Committee, to collect the remaining expenses of the Meeting house, & Bell, and pay the same out of said Surplus Money, and report their doings thereon to the Town, at their next Town Meeting.
 Voted the Sermon delivered at the Dedication of the Meeting house, by the Rev. Samuel Thompson, be Published at the expense of the Town, and that each family in Town be furnished with a copy, & also that the Selectmen request a copy for the Psalms accordingly.

Voted, that the thanks of this Town be presented Mr. Jeremiah Fitch of Boston for the very handsome donation by him of an elegant time piece, designed for the use of the inside of the house recently dedicated to the Public worship of Almighty God in this Town.
 Also that this vote be entered on the records of the Town, and that a copy thereof be communicated by the Town Clerk to Mr. Fitch.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk

March Meeting 1818.

Hiddlebrope, to Hephzibah Hutchinson, a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County greeting.

L. S. you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 L. S. to notify and summon the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified
 L. S. to vote in the choice of Town officers, viz. such as have arrived to the age of twenty
 years & are not in said Town for any year next preceding, & are not supported by the Town, to assemble at the ~~next~~ next Sabbath day in said Town on Monday the 2 day of March next at one of the places in said Town, for the following purposes viz.

Art. 1 To choose a moderator for said Meeting.

Art. 2 To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

And you are likewise required to summon and notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to act in Town affairs, viz. such as have arrived to the age of 21 years and are not in said Town for the preceding year next preceding, & are not supported by the Town, to assemble on the day & at the place aforesaid, at three of the clock P. M. for the following purposes viz.

Art. 3 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Art. 4 To bring in their votes for a County Representative for the ensuing year.

Art. 5 To raise money for the support of highways & bridges the ensuing year.

Art. 6 To know what money the Town will vote to repair the highways & bridges, the ensuing year.

Art. 7 To know if the Town will refrain from going to a State, agreeably to a law of the Commonwealth, the ensuing year.

Art. 8 To know what money the Town will raise in relation to the collecting of by distraining the owner, or do something of the kind, the ensuing year.

Art. 9 To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year.

Art. 10 To know if the Town will furnish meat at the next stated time for the use of religious meetings the ensuing year.

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Art. 9th To know if it be the mind of the town to purchase back the frame Newhouse & on the lower floor in Bedford Meeting house, which was struck off the 11th of November 1817, and convert it to the use of a ministerial parson, in view of the one now here before assigned for that purpose, or do any thing affecting it, for they may think best.

Art. 10. To know if the town will give the Committee any instructions affecting the proposed road from Chalmersford through this town.

Art. 11. Upon the request of James Wilson, to know if the town will loan him the sum of \$400. to discharge a mortgage on his farm, on condition that said Wilson give the town a deed of said farm for security, and pay the interest annually, or do any thing affecting it they may think best.

Shall fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this sixteenth day of Feb^r 1818.
 William Webber }
 John Meriam } Selectmen.
 Joseph Brown. }

Bedford March 2 1818. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place for the purpose mentioned in said warrant.
 Wm. Hutchinson Constable.

March 2 1818. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, assembled at the place & time mentioned, and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting, making him a member on pay for Moderator.
 Art. 2. To choose town officers for the ensuing year A.D. those with their office to their name were sworn in office.

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| Town Clerk | James Wilson | Fightingmen |
| William Webber x | Moses Fitch Jr. x | Abner Wheeler |
| Selectmen & Assessor | Abner B. Lane x | James Webber x |
| William Webber x | Field drivers | Samuel Kuper |
| John Meriam x | Moses Fitch Jr. x | John Bacon x |
| Joseph Brown x | North Page x | |
| Town Treasurer | Asa Porter x | |
| Dea. Moses Fitch x | Dealer of weights and measures | Agassies |
| Constable | Elijah Stearns x | Abner Wheeler |
| John Reed Jr. x | Dealer of leather | Asa Porter x |
| Collector | Moses Abbott x | Bradley Brown x |
| John Reed Jr. x | Surveyors of | John Jones x |
| is to have \$35. per said service | Lumber | Leander Hemmer |
| to give bonds as usual | Simon Bledgett x | Daniel Cummings |
| Surveyors of Highways | Joshua Page x | Benjamin Reed x |
| Dea. Moses Fitch x | | Asa Reed x |
| John Meriam x | | |
| Bradley Brown x | | |
| Loel Sprague x | | |
| Stephen Lane x | | |
| Oliver Ballou x | | |
| Capt. Elijah Shelton x | | |
| Dea. Michael Crosby x | | |

of the part of the warrant, respecting town affairs.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

and a choice of Thompson Davis for Moderator

Art. 2. To bring in three votes for bounty treasurer the ensuing year
there were for John Hayes 9 of benevolence votes
for William Brewster 8 of benevolence votes

100 votes

11 votes

Art. 3. To raise money to repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year again \$500.

Art. 4. To know what method the town will take to repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year
voted the same as last year viz. \$4000 to be laid out in the several towns at that
and to be paid with the tax to be collected in money and laid out upon
the road from the bridge to Lexington line, and appointed Capt. David Reed,
Capt. Elijah Sheltor & Elijah Lane for said purpose, according to their
best skill and judgment.

Art. 5. To know if the town will refrain from cattle from going to Lexington, according to
a law of the commonwealth, voted in the affirmative.

Art. 6. To know what method the town will take in relation to the school in
future, by distributing the same, or do something respecting the same, and
thinks best. Voted to appoint a committee of eleven men to take the dis-
fect of school into consideration, generally and report to the town at next
April meeting, viz. Rev. Samuel Stearns Chairman, Elijah Stearns &
Joseph Stearns for vicars Stearns, Stephen Lane, Nathaniel Hayward
Elihu Davis, John Stearns, William Hurdwell, William Miller
and Michael Crocker.

Art. 7. To raise money for the support of school the ensuing year —
voted to adjourn the consideration of this article to next April meeting.

Art. 8. To know if the town will furnish wood at the benevolence school, hence for
the use of all religious meetings the ensuing year, voted in the affirmative viz.
for Sunday schools, Prayer meetings, Singing meetings.

Art. 9. To know if it be the mind of the town to purchase back the parcel of land
eight or the lower piece in 13 of the streeting house which was then
off to the town and erect it to the use of a school
room in lieu of the one the town had before specified for that purpose
or do any thing respecting it, now if any may think best.
voted in the affirmative in case the land be agreeable to the town
and appointed the selectmen to negotiate the same respecting
the exchange of land for land.

Art. 10. To know if the town will give the loan of money and any one
applying to the town for a loan of money from the town, through the town
the town voted not to approve said loan, and being established
by the Court of Sessions and voted to discharge the committee from
any further attention to the same.

Art. 1. Upon the request of James Wilson to know if the town will loan
him the sum of \$500 to discharge a mortgage which he has on
condition that said Wilson give the town a deed of said sum for
security and pay the interest annually or do any thing respecting it
they were then put. Voted in the affirmative, and appointed
the selectmen and town clerk to transact and negotiate the
same in behalf of the inhabitants of said town of Bedford.

The continued article from September 1817, to this meeting was again
continued until next April meeting

Recorded by William Miller town clerk

This meeting was not formal
 and all the houses that are or may be on the Central road, leading from
 said house to the school house in the East part of said town.
 The South to contain the house of the heirs of Newton Reed, for which there is
 a deed, and all the houses that are or may be, on the road, leading
 from said house to the school house in the East part of said
 town, together with the house of Saml. Hadwell, George Hadwell.
 The West to contain the house of J. H. Water, beyond L. S. Sears, and
 all the houses, and all the roads that are or may be, on the road
 leading from said house to the school house in the West
 part of said town.
 And the North district to contain the house of Solomon Lane, James
 Lane, the heirs of that line, for which there is a deed, and
 all the houses and all the roads that are or may be, on the road
 leading from said house to the school house in the North
 part of said town.

Also that the money raised for the support of schools be allotted
 as follows, (viz.) To the Center district in the proportion of

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| East district | \$1640. | } Being a proportion | of the amount of the |
| West district | 1350. | | |
| Center district | 1400. | } 12780. | of the amount of the |
| North district | 1100. | | |
| West district | 1297. | | |

The town voted to accept of so much of the Committee's report as
 above written, fifty rising in favor, and ^{none} against.
 The Committee further report, that the town of all the school houses
 in said town (except the Center) in said town, also accepted of
 all school houses in said town.

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| Samuel Stearns | John Meriam | } Committee |
| James Stearns | William Wicker | |
| John Stearns | Richard Crosby | |
| James Lane | Mathew Hayward | |
| Samuel Stearns | | |

The town appointed, Joshua A. Leavitt, John Meriam, Mathew Hayward,
 Samuel Stearns, & John Meriam a Committee, to examine what
 expense would be made in the school houses in the town of
 the town, and if the amount at the school houses in the town
 would be more or less than the amount at the school houses in the town.
 The town also continued until the next meeting, for the
 support of the school houses, and if the amount at the school houses
 in the town would be more or less than the amount at the school houses
 in the town.

H. B. it is ordered, that the town reserve the right of holding
 meetings in the Center school house, as usual.

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Recorded by Wm. Hobbs Samblak

Recorded by Wm. Webber Dumbley

May Meeting 1818.

Middlesex for to join them for a lean stable of the same of wood and
in candlestick. Leaving

you are hereby released in the same & the same in regard to the

actuated to satisfy and was the male inhabitant of said town being

21 years of age and resident in St. Louis for the space of one year last pre-

ceding, having a present estate worth in cash, found the original income
to be £1000. The estate to the value of £2000. Earned at the contrary

of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of 2000, to meet or purchase the same.

at house in said town on Wednesday the 10th day of May 1860 at
the clerk in the presence of the purpose of choosing one Representative

the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one representative to represent them. A General Court appointed to be convened & held

at Boston on the last Wednesday of May 1858.

Lord was a white man who he notified & was in the in habitant of the

...qualified to vote in Tenn. meetings, &c., &c. as before.

to the age of 81 years and resided in said Town for the past few years.

most preceding and have been taken for their Call on my estate in my

tax voted to be raised by the Comm. to assemble on the day and at the place

sp. was at three of the look in, the afternoon to see on the following

A Miles. 200.

To choose a moderator. See 2nd Meeting.

To hear the report of the Committee appointed to prepare the school house

in für die Arbeit und die Verantwortung für die Arbeit.

to hear the report of the Selectmen with regard to the same.

and appreciate the work in money market on the 10th

least. which was continued to the meeting

Work was continued to the meeting

May meeting 1818

- 4th To appoint a Committee to provide for a singing school, the ensuing fall, or winter, agreeably to a donation to the Town for that purpose
 5th To know if the Town will bear any further expense in levelling the Common or do any thing respecting it.
 6th To know if the Town will appropriate any part of the Common for the use of stable ground, or doing any thing they may think best.

And if fail not to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting

Given under our hands and seals at Bridford this 20th day of April A.D. 1818

William Webber, } Selectmen
 Joseph Brown,

Middlesex Co. Bridford May 6th 1818.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and summoned the freeholders and other inhabitants of Bridford qualified as the law directs to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.

John Freedy & Son Notable

May 6th 1818. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the (able) inhabitants met and acted on the articles therein contained, viz.

The first part of the warrant was to choose a representative.

The votes being brought in voted & counted, there were

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| For Lt. John Meriam sixteen votes | 16 votes |
| For William Webber fifteen votes | 15 votes |

Second part

Art. To choose a moderator for said meeting

Thompson Bacon Esquire chosen Moderator.

Art. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to repair the school houses in four districts, & raise money for the purpose

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| which follows, the repair of the west school house, to Capt John Thue | 118.50 |
| One pair of the South School house to Horrell Shultens for | 115.00 |
| One pair of the East School house to Wm Page for | 127.00 |
| One pair of the North Do. ————— Joshua Page for | 125.00 |
| 4 Stove and funnels to be put in the aforesaid houses at | 100.00 |
| also sold the chimneys in the do. houses, west Joshua Page 3.00 | 578.30 |
| South, Joshua Page 475, East, John Brown 525 & North | 19.25 |
| to Linneston 425, amounting to \$1923 | \$559.24 |

Art. To hear the report of the Selectmen, respecting the expense of the Meeting house, and appropriate the surplus money arising from the sale of the pews, which was continued to this meeting in the meeting house. Voted, that the surplus money arising from the sale of the pews, recently erected in this Town, be appropriated as a fund, for the support of the Ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the congregational denomination in this Town, and that the interest of said money be annually applied toward the payment of the Ministers salary.

Art. To appoint a Committee to provide for a singing school the ensuing fall or winter, agreeably to a donation to the Town for that purpose. Enslatic frame, Capt. Elijah Shultens, & David Lane were appointed a Committee for the purpose.

May Meeting. 1818. Continued

5th Art. To know if the Town will be at any further expense in leveling the Common, or do any thing respecting it.

6th Art. To know if the Town will appropriate any part of the Common for the use of stable ground, or do any thing they think best.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take the above subject in consideration, and report to the Town at the next Town meeting.

Recorded by James Webster Town Clerk

Send a negro woman sent to board with Bradley Bowser from this time until next May meetings in sickness & health (except Medical aid) at one dollar per week. — \$1.00

The Selectmen let out the ringing of the Bell as usual, and the care of the Meeting house, as usual, with the addition of washing the entry and the sides on the lower floor, once. —

To James Wright Jr for one year for the sum of \$18.75.

September Meeting - 1818.

Middlesex Co. To John Reed Jr a constable of the town of Bedford in said County.

you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, viz such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding, and have been taxed for their Polls, or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town, to assemble at the Center School house in said town, on Monday the fourteenth day of September next, at three of the clock in the afternoon to consider and act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

Art. 2. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To know in what method the town will procure the firewood for the next year.

Art. 4th To know if it be the wish of the town, that the School house in the several districts be kept in repair in future by the town.

Art. 5th To know if the town will assign some place to hold Town meetings in future.

And fail not and make return of your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 24th of September 1818.

James Webster
John Merriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown

Middlesex Co. Bedford September 14th - 1818.

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders and other taxable inhabitants of the town of Bedford to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned.

John Reed Jr Constable

September Meeting 1818. Continued

September 14th 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the votable inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, met and acted on the articles therein contained, viz.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Made choice of Thompson Bacon Esq. for the purpose

Art. 2. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year
Voted to raise for said purpose the sum of \$400.00

Art. 3. To know in what method the town will procure the firewood for the Rev. Mr. Stearns the ensuing year. —
Voted the usual way, by a committee viz, Lt. Matthew Hayward
Capt David Reed & Stephen Lane. —

Art. 4. To know if it be the mind of the town that the school houses in the several districts be kept in repair in future by the town.
Voted that all the School houses, in future be kept in repair by the town, instead of districts.

Art. 5. To know if the town will assign some place to hold Town Meeting in future.

Voted, that all Town Meeting in future shall be held in the Center School house, in said town.

The continued article to know if the town will appropriate any part of the Common for the use of State ground, which was referred to the Selectmen, to view and report at their meeting, is continued to next November Meeting, and then add Thompson Bacon Esq. to the Selectmen for the purpose of stating out the ground and draw a plan thereof and report to the town as above mentioned.

The Selectmen put Jonathan Merriam, for a year to be a selectman with Joseph Hill from this time until next Nov. meeting
at 8 o'clock, for week

Nov. Meeting 1818.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, legally assembled on Monday the second day of Nov. 1818, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to Congress, &c.

The Votes being brought in counted & voted, and declaration thereof made, there were for Hon^{ble} Timothy Smoller Esq. of Cambridge.
Thirty two Votes — — — — — 32 Votes

Who to act on the following articles viz.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Made choice of Thompson Bacon Esq. for said purpose.

Art. 2. To know if it be the mind of the town to move the horse stables on the Common to the south end of the meeting house, or do anything affecting them they may think best. Voted to ~~dismiss~~ dismiss the article.

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Art. 3^d To know if the Town will petition the proper authority, to have the Militia Company in this Town, annexed to Concord Regiment, or do any thing affecting it. The Town made choice of a committee of three men, viz, Lieut John Merriam, Benja Simonds Jr and Capt John Reed, for said purpose, in case the commissioned officers of said Company join with them. The Committee, who ~~had~~ had under consideration the sixth article in the Warrant for last May meeting, which was to know if the Town will appropriate any part of the Common for the use of stable ground, reported, that under existing circumstances, it is most convenient for ^{the Town to} appropriate the East Side of the Common adjoining Mr John Reed's land for said purpose. Which was accepted.

Bedford April 18th 1818.

~~This may certify, that~~ Thompson Bacon Esr, John Wibber, & David Lane, being appointed a Committee for the following purpose, hereby certify, that the Subscriber has agreed to perform Sacred Music for said Town for ten dollars per year, on a Bass Viol, and furnish himself with a Viol for that purpose, and should he neglect when sufficient health to perform, he is to receive in proportion, the Committee ~~are~~ agreeing that nothing is to be deducted for his not performing the last year out, and that he may perform at least one year from this date. — Leander Horner,

March Meeting 1817.

L.S. Middlesex ss. To John Reed Jr a Constable of the Town of
Bedford in said County. — greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the Freeholders and other Votable inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in the choice of Town officers, viz, Such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years of age and resided in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, &c not supported by the Town to assemble at the Center School house in said Town on Monday the first day of March next between 9 & 12 A.M. for the following purposes, viz,

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Art. 2 To choose Town officers for the ensuing year. —

And you are also required to Summon and Notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, viz, Such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years and resided in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, (and not a pauper) and having term have been taxed for their Poll or any Estate in any tax voted to be raised by the Town, to assemble at the Center School house place above mentioned, and on said day, at three of the Clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz,

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- Art 1 To choose a moderator for said meeting
- Art 2 To bring in their votes for a County Meeting the ensuing year
- Art 3 To raise money to repair the Highways & bridges the present year
- Art 4 To know in what method the town will repair the Highways & bridges the ensuing year
- Art 5 To know if the Town will uttain Nash cattle horses from going so large on the highways and common lands within the limits of the Town the huchent year, agreeable to a law of the Commonwealth
- Art 6 To know if it be the mind of the Town to repair the roof of the Meeting house, so as to stop the leakages in the same, or do any thing affecting it they may think best
- Art 7 To know if the Town will appoint some persons or persons to be leaders for the singing & chor, in time of publick worship, and at all other times or do any thing respecting them they may think will be most beneficial to the cause.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereunto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hand & seals at Bedford this 15th day of Feb^r 1819.

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

Middlesex for in obedience to the within warrant, I have Notified and warned the Male inhabitants of the Town of Bedford to appear at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Bedford March 0th 1819 John Orndyff Constable

March 0th 1819. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Town assembled at the time and place therein mentioned and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows Viz.

- Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said meeting
Capt David Reed chosen Moderator
 - Art 2 To choose Town officers for the year ensuing
- | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Town Clerk sworn | { | Surveyors of Highways | { | Then persons |
| William Webber | | Alfred Fitch x | | named with |
| Selectmen | { | Joseph Hartwell | { | this x mark affix |
| William Webber sworn | | William Porter | | seen & sworn |
| John Merriam sworn | | St. Mather Hayward x | | into office |
| Joseph Brown | | Capt John Reed x | | |
| Town Treasurer | { | Samuel Stearns x | { | |
| Dea Oliver Fitch sworn | | Willard Buttrick x | | |
| in office | { | Capt Wm Gooding x | { | |
| Constable | | Dea Michael Crosby x | | |
| John Reed Jr. sworn | { | | { | |
| in office | | | | |
| Concider John Reed Jr. | | | | |
| sworn in to office and is | | | | |
| to have \$25. 50. for service | | | | |
| to give bonds for be. as usual. | | | | |

Hence viewers

Oliver Pollard sworn into

Alfred Litch officer

Richard Litch

Richard Page sworn into

Charles B. Lane officer

Obad Pollard

Dealer of weights and

Measures sworn into

Eliza Stearns officer

Surveyors of lumber

Joshua Page sworn into

St. Lincoln Bledgett officer

Jefferson

Obad Pollard sworn into

Little Stagey officer

Ma. Michael Gentry

Pound keeper sworn into

John Bacon officer

Hogreever

Benjamin Litch sworn into

Joseph Brown

Capt. Joel Litch sworn into

Oliver W. Lane officer

Abel Green

Agreeably to the second part of the warrant, the town proceeded to act on the several articles therein contained. Voted.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Made choice of John Litch Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year the vote being brought in counted and sorted there were for John

Heyer Esq of Concord twenty one votes 71 votes

Art. 3. To raise money for repairing the highways & bridges the present year

Voted the sum of \$4500 for said purpose.

Art. 4. To know in what method the town will repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year.

Voted that the sum of \$400 be applied and expended on the several roads as usual, and that the sum of \$500 be applied with the tax.

and appointed Joseph Brown, Capt. Eliza Stearns & Timothy Brown a committee to draw the same out of the Treasurers and expend the same

on the road from Carlisle Bridge to Lansing in line.

Art. 5. To know if the town will refrain that cattle horses or farm going off logs on the highways and common roads with in the limits of the town the present year agreeably to a law of the Commonwealth.

Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 6. To know if it be the mind of the town to repair the roof of the Meeting house so as to stop the leakages in the same, or do any thing respecting it they may think best.

Voted that the Selectmen procure some persons to repair the house as they shall think necessary, and report their doings to the town at the next future meeting.

Art. 7. To know if the town will appoint some person or persons to be leaders for the singing choir in time of public worship, & at all times, or do any thing respecting them they may think will be most beneficial

to the cause.

132 March Meeting 1819 concluded.

Voted that the Committee (viz. Enr. Castalia Horner, Esq. Oliver
Harrison & David Lane) appointed to provide a singing school the
winter past, together with Dea Amariah Pustors, Thompson Daines &
and Dea Michael Crosby, assemble the quoir of singers and inquire
it upon them to appoint Choristers if possible, if not: that the said
Committee appoint them if they shall think it will be beneficial to
the cause, and report their doings to the town at next April Meeting
to which time this article is adjourned.

Recorded by William Webber J. Clerk.

Middlesex J. Bedford April 5th 1819

William Webber John Merriam & Joseph Brown & Steelmen & said Town, came
before me and made oath, that they would faithfully and impartially
discharge the duties of their office, respecting all Elections and the
returns thereof. Elisha Stearns Just. of Peace

LD Middlesex J. To John Reed for a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County.

LD You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of

LD Massachusetts, to warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bedford
of twenty one years of age and upward, having a freehold estate within
the Commonwealth of the annual income of ten dollars, or any estate
to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the Center School house
in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at five of the
clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut.
Governor, & Senators and Councillors, agreeably to the Constitution
of said Commonwealth.

And you are likewise required to summon & notify the inhabitants of said
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, viz. Such as have arrived
to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said town for the space of
one year next preceding, (and not supported by the town) and during
which term have been taxed for their polls, or any estate, in any tax voted to
be raised by the town to assemble at the place above mentioned, at
four of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, to consider & act
on the following articles viz

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Art 2^d To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year

Art 3^d To know in what method the town will repair the Carlisle
Bridge the year ensuing.

Art 4th To appoint a Committee in trust for the Burying fund in
said town, the year ensuing.

And if fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting

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Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Nineteen

William Webber, { Selectman of
John Meriam } D. Bedford
Joseph Brown

Middlesex Co Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & caused the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, to meet at the time & place within mentioned

Bedford April 5th 1819

John Prudgn Berfester

April 5th 1819, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I met and acted on the 2^d election therein contained viz,

Made choice of Governors, Lieut. Goveison & Donators

The votes being put in sorted and counted and declared as there made were for, His Excellency John Brooks Esq of Medford - 32 votes

Governor { Hon. Benjamin Browningshild Esq of Salem - 56 votes

Lieut Governor { Hon. William Phillips Esq of Boston - 30
" Benj. Austin Esq of Boston - 54
" Benj. Browningshild Esq of Salem - 1

Donators { Samuel O. P. Taylor of Cambridge - 26
Joseph Leche Esq of Millisica - 24
Calvin Sanger Esq of Sherburne - 26
Joseph B. Varnum Esq of Tracut - 50
John Hart Esq of Reading - 50
Leonard M. Parker Esq of Chaurstown - 50

Town affair

Article 1st to choose a moderator for said meeting

Made choice of St. John Meriam Moderator

Art 2^d To raise money for the support of schools, the ensuing year

Voted to raise the sum of five hundred dollars - \$500.00

Art 3^d To know in what manner the town will repair the Carlisle bridge the ensuing year

Voted by a committee viz Joshua Page, Joseph Brown and Sam. Sage.

Art 4th To appoint a committee in trust for the Page fund in Bedford the ensuing year, made choice of William Webber, Capt David Prud. and Benjamin Prud. for the purpose.

Committee to inspect the schools viz Rev. Saml. Stearns, Chairman

Dea Amos Brewster, Capt Joel Litch, Dea Michael Crosby, L. John Meriam

and Timothy Jones, and them Voted that the district School Committee

join with the above committee, to take in consideration the subject of regulations in the schools, and report to the town at next May meeting

The committee appointed at last March meeting to regulate the sing-
ers &c. reported as follows.

May Meeting 1819.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, legally assembled on Wednesday the fifth day of May A.D. 1819. for the purpose of choosing a representative to the General Court the present year, the Town Voted Not to send a representative this year. — Upon the request of Capt Timothy Page & David Reed for liberty to work over their highway tax on the lane leading from the road to their house.,

Do. Amos Preston chosen Moderator.

The Town Voted that J^d Page & Reed have liberty to work their highway tax as Prayed for, under the direction of the Surveyor.

The Selectmen let out the ringing the Bell at sweeping the Meeting house, to be done as usual, for one year to Benjamin Reed for \$21.75.

Also Voted a woman of colour to beard for one year in sickness and health, Medical aid & Cloathing excepted, to Bradley Bernal d. \$1.25 per week.

The Committee appointed to keep the Carriage Bridge in repair Purchased at auction of John Reed 200 feet of plank for said Bridge one hundred to be delivered in six weeks the remainder in three months. at \$4.00 per hundred

September Meeting 1819

[SL] Middlesex Co. To John Reed a Constable of the Town of
[SL] Bedford in said County. — Greeting.

[SL] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & Notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs viz. such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years & resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding and have been taxed for their polls or any estate in any tax levied to be raised by the town. To assemble at the Center School house in said Bedford on Thursday the Ninth day of September next at four of the clock in the afternoon. To consider and act on the following articles viz.

Art 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

Art 2. To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the town this year

Art 3. To know in what method the town will procure the wood Samuel Stearns firewood the ensuing year. —

Art 4. To know if the town will accept of a list of jurors as made out by the Selectmen.

Carried forward

September Meeting Not forward
Hereof fail Not and make return of this warrant with your doing, then
write one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this 26th day of Sept^r 1819
Wm. Debbes }
John Meniam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

Middlesex Co. Bedford September 8^m 1819
Pursuant to the within warrant. I have Notified the inhabitants
of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time
and place & for the purposes therein mentioned.
John Deady Jr. Const.

September 9th 1819, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the in-
habitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the articles con-
tained therein as follows. viz.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said Meeting, made choice of Thompson
Rosen by. for the purpose.

Art. 2 To raise money to defray the ordinary of the town the ensuing year.
Voted to raise the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars for the
for said purpose. \$450.00

Art. 3 To know in what method the Town will procure the Recr. & am-
Stems firewood, the ensuing year. Voted the usual way, viz. at auc-
tion and appointed Dea. Richard Cressby, John Meniam Esq. and
Lt. Mather Hayward a Committee for the purpose.

Art. 4 To know if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors as made
out by the Selectmen. Voted in the affirmative.

The Committee on the Subject of Schools appointed at last April
Meeting reported as follows.

The Committee, to whom the subject of the regulations of the public
Schools was referred, having duly attended this matter, ask leave to sub-
mit the following report.

1. That a Committee be annually appointed by the town, to be entitled the
inspecting Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the several schools
in this town, according to law, in regard to the conduct of the scholars, and
the proficiency made by them, in their studies; to encourage their endeavors to
cause the children in the several districts to attend their respective schools,
as constantly as may be, and as an encouragement hereto, if there be any
where parents are unable to furnish them with suitable books, that said
Committee is hereby authorized to do it at the expense of the town, it shall
also be their duty carefully to attend to and reasonably to adjust all dif-
ficulties which may at any time arise in any of the public schools,
as they in their wisdom shall judge most for the interest of the town
and particularly for the benefit and good instruction of the youth, to
determine on the fitness of the books used, or which may be used in the
schools, and allow the use of none which do not meet their approbation,
and finally to lay before the town in the close of the year such infor-
mation respecting their own proceedings & the state of the several schools, as
they shall judge may conduce to promote the cause of education in the
town.

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2. That no School Master or Mistress be admitted into any of our town schools, as Teachers of said Schools, till they have qualified themselves as the law directs. And it shall be the duty of every district Committee employed to provide a Master or Mistress for such district who shall engage one who never before taught a School in this town, Seasonably to introduce such teacher to the Minister of the town, or in case of his absence or inability to attend to the Service, to the inspecting Committee, for the purpose of examination in regard to their moral & literary qualifications; and no person shall be employed as an instructor or instructress in any School in this town who shall not be approved accordingly. Any person who has received a College education, or is a member of any respectable University or College, or presenting requisite credentials of character, will be accepted without any further questions, provided he be willing to conform to the school regulations of the town heretofore specified. —
3. All the Masters Schools in this town shall be regularly opened & closed, morning and evening, with prayer, which practice also is particularly recommended to the serious consideration of female Instructors, who will be permitted to use an approved written form of prayer, if they desire it.
- 4th That the Bible be read in all the Schools, at least by one class, and as often as once a day. —
- 5th That the Assemblys shorter Catechism be taught in all the Schools, weekly and that every scholar under the age of fifteen years, be required suitably to attend to this exercise; those also above the age of fifteen years to enjoy the privilege if they ~~choose~~ ^{desire} it. —
- 6th That it shall be expected of all instructors, that they frequently & carefully impress on the minds of the youth the principles of virtue & piety, as connected with their respectability & usefulness in this life as well as happiness in a future. — and also, as highly essential to the support & well being of our free Republican form of Government, as required by law. —
- 7th That at the opening & inspecting of the Schools may be given, when requested, on the Sabbath preceding. —
- 8th Article stricken out by the town. —
- 9th No public School in this town will be considered as regularly opened, or legally conducted whose teacher is not introduced agreeably to the foregoing provisions.
- 10th No book shall be introduced in any of public School in this town, as a class book, but such as shall first be offered to the Inspecting Committee, for examination, and receive their approbation, or praise of the teachers respecting his or her station in the School. —
- 11th It shall be the duty of the several Clerks of each School district in this town, to make a fair record of the foregoing regulations in their respective district record books, & to furnish the Committee chosen for the purpose of providing Instructors for the district from time to time, with a copy; which Committee when making an agreement with a master or mistress shall make it an indispensable condition on his or her part to conform thereto. —
- August 30th 1819, Saml. Pharms Timothy Jones Ebenezer Burdett
 Accepted by the town. Ann. O'Brien Joel Fitch Eliza. F. H. H. H.
 John Menam Francis Wilson Committee

January 3 1820. The Selectmen agreed with Bradley Bowers, to lease
Violet a woman of color, for one year from June 1st (last) for week \$0.75
March Meeting 1820.

Middlesex. To John Needham a constable of the Town of Bedford, in said County,
L.S. You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth,
L.S. Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the freeholders and other eligible
L.S. inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in the choice
of Town officers, viz such as have arrived to the age of twenty one year
and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding
and not supported by the town, To assemble at the Center School
house in said town on Monday the sixth day of March next at
one of the clock P.M. for the following purpose viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Art 2 To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

And you are also required to summon and Notify the inhabitants
of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, viz such as have arrived
to the age of twenty one year, and resided in said town for the space of
one year next preceding, (and not supported by the town) and during
said term have been taxed for their Polls or any Estate in any tax voted
to be raised by the town, To assemble at the Center School house
in said town on Monday the sixth day of March next, at three
of the clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Art 2 To bring in their Vote for a County Treasurer the ensuing year.

Art 3 To raise money to repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year.

Art 4 To know in what method the town will repair the highways and
bridges the ensuing year.

Art 5 To know if the town will repair or restrain cattle & horses from going at
large on the highways and common lands within the limits of the
town the ensuing year.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your answer
thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands & seals at Bedford this twenty fifth
day of February A.D. 1820.

Selectmen { William Wilson
John G. Davis
Joseph Brown

Middlesex

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the
inhabitants of said town qualified as within mentioned
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned

Bedford March 6 1820

John Needham Constable

Carried over

March Meeting 1820. Continued

March 6th 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said meet an
and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows viz.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

John Meriam Esq. Moderator

Art. 2. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

| | | | |
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| Town Clerk sworn | { | Scale of weights & measure | { |
| William Webber into office | | Heuben Bacon, sworn into office | |

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| Selectmen | { | Surveyors of Land | { |
| William Webber sworn | | Joshua Page sworn into | |
| John Meriam (deputy) | | Simon Blodgett office | |
| Elijah Thelton | | | |

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|---------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Town Treasurer sworn into | { | Tythingmen | { |
| Amos Smith office | | John Webber sworn into | |
| | | William Jones office | |

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Constable & Collector | { | Pound Keeper sworn into | { | | |
| John Creed sworn into | | John Bacon office | | | |
| is to have \$24.00 per | | | | Haywards | |
| collecting the taxes | | | | Capt. Wm Gooding x | |

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| Collectors of Stave & Hoops | { | Dyer Louinby | { |
| Elas Dudley sworn into | | Elas Dudley | |
| Benj. Creed office | | Abel Shed | |
| | | Reuben Green x | |

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|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Surveyors of Highways | { | Charles Gleason x | { |
| Capt. David Creed x | | Justice Creed | |
| Amos Hartwell x | | | |
| Oliver W. Lane x | | | |
| Moses Simonds | | | |
| Eleazer Davis x | | | |
| Stephen Lane x | | | |
| Capt. Wm. Page x | | | |

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| Three viewers | { | Second part of the warrant | { |
| Oliver W. Lane sworn into | | Art. 1. To choose a Moderator | |
| Elias B. Lane office | | John Meriam chosen Moderator | |

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| Field Drivers | { | Art. 2. To bring in their votes for a | { |
| Sim. Kingman sworn | | Committee for the ensuing year | |
| Elias B. Lane into | | The votes being but in contest & counted | |
| Samuel Sage office | | There were for John Beyerly of Concord | |
| Wash. Page | | seventy nine votes — 79. | |

Art 3^d To raise money to repair the Highway and Bridge the ensuing year.
Voted to continue the Article to next April Meeting.

Art 4th To know in what method the town will repair the Highway and Bridges the ensuing year.

Voted that the Selectmen, together with Elijah Starns, Esq. David Reed, Dea. Michael Crosby, Benjamin Simonds, St. Nathaniel Hayward and David Lane, be a Committee to take the subject into consideration & report to the town at next April meeting.

Art 5th To know if the town will restrain that cattle & horses from going at large on the highways and common land, within the limits of the town the ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative, agreeably to a law of the Commonwealth.

Recorded by William Weber Town Clerk.

Middlesex Bedford March 21st 1820

William Weber, John Merriam & Elijah Starns Selectmen of said town
Came before me and made oath, that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Elijah Starns Justice of the Peace

April Meeting 1820

Read Middlesex To John Paul Jr. a Constable of the town of Bedford in said County.

Yeomen & freeholders in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit the People of said County of Middlesex do hereby give notice of a meeting of the town of Bedford on Monday the third day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and a Committee agreeably to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

And yeomen & freeholders are notified to come on to the meeting of said town qualified by law to vote in said office, or as have arrived to the age of twenty years and reside in said town for the space of one year next preceding, and not supported by the town, and during said term have taxed for their Polls, or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town, and shall be at the school house in said town on Monday the third day of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon to exercise their voting rights.

Art 6th To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

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- Resol^d To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year
 Resol^d To pursue in what method the town will repair the Carliels Bridge
 the ensuing year.
 Resol^d To appoint a committee in town for the Page fund the ensuing year
 And of fait not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon
 unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
 Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this twenty first day of
 March A.D. 1820.
 William Webber }
 John Williams } Selectmen
 Ebenezer Foster }

Bedford April 3^d 1820. Pursuant to the within warrant
 I have polled the inhabitants of said town qualified as voters and
 to appear at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.
 John C. Dyer Clerk of the Town

April 3^d 1820.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said town
 qualified as voters in expresse (Men) and boys their votes as follows
 For Governor } His excellency John Brooks Esq of Boston by — 80 votes
 } Hon. William L. Burleigh Esq of Boston by — 27
 For Lieut. Governor } Hon. William Phillips Esq of Boston by — 30
 } " Benjamin Austin Esq of Boston by — 25
 } " Benjamin Simonds Jr by — 1
 For Judges } Hon. Saml. P. P. Treadwell Esq of Cambridge by — 27
 } Joseph Locke Esq of Waltham by — 23
 } Ebenezer Rogers Esq of Waltham by — 27
 } Joseph A. Lawrence Esq of Waltham by — 27
 } Leonard M. Parker Esq of Waltham by — 27
 } William Whittemore Esq of West Cambridge by — 27
 } Samuel Steer Esq of Concord by — 4

And again

- Resol^d To choose a moderator for said Meeting
 Made choice of John Williams for Moderator.
 Resol^d To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year.
 Voted to raise the sum of \$400.00 for said purpose beyond the sum
 of \$100.00 already raised for the same purpose.
 Resol^d To appoint a committee in town for the Page fund the ensuing year
 and of fait not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon
 unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.
 Given under our hands and seals at Bedford this twenty first day of
 March A.D. 1820.
 William Webber }
 John Williams } Selectmen
 Ebenezer Foster }

April meeting 1820.

The committee report from last March Meeting to the present time
 respecting raising money for the repair of the highway bridges and
 the roads. They have been organized, which was voted last Committee
 Meeting April 3 1830. The Committee to whom was added the subject of
 raising money for the repair of the highway bridges and the roads that they
 should be repaired in the present year, beg leave to report as follows, viz.
 1st That the Committee have the sum of \$15000 to be laid out in repairs on the highways
 and bridges the present year, and that \$15000 of the foregoing sum of \$40000
 be expended in repairs on the said bridges from Lexington line to Cambridge
 2d That a report be made to the next meeting as to the progress of the repairs
 or to work on the highways the present year —
 3d That a new highway be built before the road leading from Lexington
 line to the bridge across the Green River to the Boston line
 4th That a new highway be built before the road leading from the
 to consist of Genial Hill, Huelin Hill, and the farm
 owned by Joseph Hill. This report is humbly submitted
 Signed by the Committee
 Capt David Reed
 David Lane
 St Mathew Hayward
 Benj's Kimball Jr
 William Webber
 John Davison
 Elijah Shelton
 Michael Crosby
 } Committee
 The Committee to accept the foregoing report, and appointed
 Huelin Hutchinson, and William Lane to survey the
 which were sworn in to the
 Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk

Doctor's bill, to John Child at R. 1.24. 10 weeks.
 Child's a woman of 30 years in England & has the same year from the
 182 year next to Doctor's bill at 10. 10 weeks.
 and also John Child's bill of 10. 10 weeks. 10 weeks. 10 weeks.
 of 1819. 10 weeks.

August 1820.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled on Monday the 20th day of August A.D. 1820. for the purpose of considering the expediency of altering or making the Constitution of this Commonwealth, the following question was put, viz.

Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of this Commonwealth. The vote being brought in counted sorted, and declaration thereof made.

There were for the measure fifty four votes — 54

Opposed to said measure, None

Ridgely, To John Reed for a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County. — Greeting.

you are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by the by laws to vote in town affairs, viz. such as have arrived to the age of 21 years & resided in said town for that part of one year last preceding, to have been taxed for their Polls or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town, To assemble at the Center School house in said town on Monday the 21st day of this Instant August at three of the Clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles, viz.

Art^l 1st To choose a Moderator for said meetings.

Art^l 2^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

Art^l 3^d To make in what manner the town may procure water.

Art^l 4th To give to the present year.

Art^l 5th Upon the petition of John Noble & 22 others to have way ~~made~~ in it be the business of the town to take the subject of the Chelmsford Road (or called) into consideration, & appoint a Committee to attend to the same, as set forth in the petition, also the expediency of taking any measure to widen the road which passes from the town through Bedford to the town of Chelmsford, or doing thing affecting said road they may think most beneficial for the town.

Carried forward

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your receipts on your side of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.
Given under our hands & seals at Bedford the 1st day of Aug. 1820

W^m Webber
John Chapman
Elihu Pratt

Readers of the Bedford Register of 28th Nov. 1820
Pursuant to the order, bearing of date the 1st of Aug. 1820, the inhabitants of said town be met at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned.
John Thordgo Constable

August 21st 1820. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said town of Bedford, met and acted on the article that is contained as follows, viz,

- Art 1. To choose a moderator for said Meeting.
Passed John Chapman Esq. Moderator.
- Art 2. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$500.00 for said purpose.
- Art 3. To know in what method the town will procure the best stone of fire wood the present year.
Voted that the Selectmen be a committee for the purpose.
- Art 4. Upon the petition of John Mather & others, to have if the town is to take the subject of the Chelmsford Road (proposed) into consideration, to appoint a committee to take in the same behalf, first to the petition, also the expediency of taking any measures to induce the travel which passes from Boston through it, and to Boston to come through their town or do any thing respecting said road they may think more beneficial for the town.
The town appointed a committee of five viz. William Webber, John Chapman, John Mather, Doctor William Mather & Oliver Mather.
To take a view of the two routes, and report, if they think it expedient, prepared for the Chelmsford Road (proposed) to pass through the town to ascertain the distance of said Middle bridge to the said Meetinghouse, by each route, also estimate the expence which it will probably cost the town to open said Road on either route and the probable comparative difference in the expence it will annually incur on the town to support the road when it shall be put on one or the other route rather than the other, also to receive suggestions of assistance from each individual in any place to offer an inducement to the travel to give its influence in favor of any particular route, & also to ascertain the probable cost of the tax which will be required for said Road on each route, and report to the town, bearing to the town on Monday the 1st day of September next at 12 of the clock P.M. to which time the foregoing article is adjourned.

August Meeting carried by agreement to Sept. 1st 1840
 the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, and voted on the subject
 adjourned as follows & the report of the Committee appointed
 under the 1st article in the warrant for a general meeting was
 read, viz. — The Committee appointed to make survey & take
 a plan of the several routes proposed for a road from Bedford
 town to Hills Bridge (called) and the probable expense thereof
 lay before to report, 1839, & that they appointed Thomas Bacon Esq.
 Isaac & Lieut. Nathan Hayward & Joseph Brown, Chas. Brown,
 who were sworn to the faithful performance of that service. —
 The whole distance from William's Store the western route
 to Hills Bridge 1032 rods. To be made new from Charles's line
 down to the track road 100 rods expense for making road
 at \$2.25. per rod ————— \$ 225.00
 For damages through the same ————— 600.00
 To run the track road to Charles's line 262 rods
 Expense for making road at \$2.50 per rod ————— 655.00
 For damages through the same ————— 900.00
 Total expense the western route ————— \$ 1780.00
 The whole distance from William's Store the
 Eastern route to Hills Bridge, 998 rods
 To be made new from said Store to W. David's line 112 rods
 Expense for making road at \$2.50 per rod ————— \$ 280.00
 To be made new from John's line to Bacon's
 Charles's line 78 rods
 Expense for making road at \$1.00 per rod ————— 78.00
 Damages for the whole Eastern route ————— 600.00
 Total making the road & damages ————— \$ 1208.00
 Whole distance western line to Hills Bridge 1032 rods
 Do. the Eastern line to ————— do. ————— 998 rods
 The difference in favor of the Eastern line ————— 34 rods
 Difference in expense in favor of the Eastern line \$ 783.00

Bedford September 1st 1840.

Annanish Preston
 William H. Foster
 John Merriam
 Simeon Stearns
 William Stearns

Carried forward

the town has appointed the selectmen, viz. William Webb, John
Harrison & Joseph Shelton a committee to attend to the subject of the
electoral franchise (as called) if the judges of the probate court should require it.
It was then voted to instruct the selectmen in the negative.

It was then moved to know if the town would support the said roads being
paid out throughout town and voted in the negative.
It was then voted that the committee be instructed to confer with
the probate court in order to obtain the best terms in the event of the
electoral franchise being granted by the board of officers.
Recorded by William Webb & Clerk

October Meeting 1820.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, legally
assembled on Monday the 16th day of October A.D. 1820, for the purpose
of giving in their votes for a delegate to the Convention at the
State house in Boston on the 22nd day of November A.D.
1820, for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of the
Commonwealth, the state being brought in and devoted,
there were for William Webb fifty four votes, for
and for Joseph Shelton thirty seven votes.

Town affairs

1. Made choice of Henryson Bacon Esqr. Moderator.
2. Appointed a committee to provide for a day of fast and thanksgiving and
also a day of prayer to be held in the town of Bedford.
3. To know if the town will give the committee appointed to attend
to the subject of the electoral franchise any further instructions
in doing their duty, and if they will support them.
Voted that if the committee should be so instructed they
should report in favor of said act. They and their influence to have
it come into the state house for adoption and follow the
rest of the town and also they opposed all other acts.
4. To know if the town will give any longer period than
formerly agreed upon. Voted in the negative.

Recorded by Wm Webb & Clerk

November 1820.

Town of Bridport

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the
parishes of the Town of Bridport, legally assembled on the 1st day of
November 1820, being the first Monday of the month for
the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in
the Congress of the United States, for the Middlesex district,
and also to give in their votes for one elector for the dis-
tinct districts and for two electors to be chosen at large,
the votes being broken in sealed envelopes, & read & declared
thereof made as by the Constitution is directed:

There were for Representatives, John the Hon. Timothy Tuller

Esquire of Cambridge forty six votes ————— 46

Electors of the Middlesex district for John Samuel Tanager

of Exeter forty five votes ————— 45

9 Hon. William Phillips Esq of Norton sixteen votes 16

Electors { Hon. William Gray Esq of Exeter sixteen votes 16

at large { Hon. Benjamin Green Esq of Exeter, thirty six votes 36

1 Hon. John Lincoln Esq of Exeter thirty six votes 36

Wm Webber D. Clerk

The Town let out at auction the building of a new bridge
on Cedar Swamp causeway (locally) to be built 23 feet long
4 feet wide between abutments, the height of the abutments
to be within 6 inches of the top of the plank as they now lay
on the bridge at the south end, and covered with granite
the abutments also to be built with stone. The work to be done
under the inspection of the Surveyor of highways and trees.

Stretch off to Black R. Lane at B 32.00, and said Lane is to
keep said bridge passable ^{the expiration of} after one fortnight from the date.

also 250 feet of plank 18 feet long & 8 inches thick of Oliver
Bloodgett at B 3.03, for 100 feet —————

also 250 feet of the same dimension of Black R. Lane
at B 2.96 for 100 feet to ^{be} either oak or white pine
to be delivered near Carib's Bridge by the
first day of May next.

March Meeting 1851. continued

Oct 6. Failure of the Tennessee affair that battle & the res from going
at large the following year. Voted in the affirmative. —

Q. 7. To know in what method the Horns will collect the Taxes the
 ensuing year, whether by quarterly, or occasional payments
 but allow a certain percentage discount to those who may pay
 the whole of their taxes the first or second payment, or do any
 thing affecting if they may think best.

Detail, that the article be referred to a Committee, and also the manner of appointing such a Committee to be elected, viz. Thompson, Bancroft, Norris, Litchfield, Dean, Michael, Crosby, John, Kinsman, & and Dr. Nathan. They were to report to the Town at their April Meeting, to which all the said articles are appended. —

Arth^r Johnson if the Town will join with the Town of Carlisle, and build
a new Boat-landing, in the middle of Concord River, where the
Bridge now stands between Bedford and Carlisle, and rebuild
the Bridge the present is the next year, and doing things, according
to the Town may think best. Idea that Eliah W. has, Oliver
P. Lane, Samuel Fay & the selectmen be a Committee to view
the Bridge and report on the whole at next April Meeting.

Revised by William Walter Townsley

The Selections made at Windsor the evening of Jan^y 21st of 1814
a specimen of color, texture, amounting to 8 7 1/2 lb, also bought
in Paris for the use of United States — £. 60
1814

Bering deserted leaves - - - - - 24
60

the expense of the sale - - - - - Balance \$5.64

Adelphoxys, Biglandi, var. 13^A 1821.

William Pickens, John Perkins & Elijah Hutcheson of
S. and Tenn. came before me and made oath that they were
faithful and impartial in the execution of their office
respecting all Elections and the returns thereof.

The above Basin

Lib. Riddleburgh To the Board of a Constable of the Town of Riddleburgh
Lib. in said County Greeting

Lib. You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town of Riddleburgh of twenty one
years of age & upwards, having a freehold estate within the Com-
monwealth of the annual income of ten dollars or any estate to the
value of two hundred dollars, To assemble at the Center School
house in said town on Monday the second day of April Next at
two of the clock in the afternoon, To give in their votes for a gov-
ernor, Lieut Governor and Senators & Councillors agreeably to the
Constitution of the Commonwealth,

And you are also required to summon & Notify the Inhabitants
of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, viz. such
as have arrived to the age of twenty one years & resided in said
Town for the space of one year next preceding such a paper
and during said term have been taxed for their Poll or an estate
on any tax which is or shall be raised by the Town, To assemble at the
Center School house in said Town on Monday the 2nd day of
April Next at four of the clock in the afternoon, to consider &
act on the following articles viz.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- Art. 2 To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year
- Art 3 To know in what method the Town will keep the Carlels bridge
in repair the year ensuing.
- Art 4 To appoint a Committee in Trust for the Paupers in said town
the ensuing year. —

Witness of fact not and in attestation of this warrant with
your doing thereunto one of the Selectmen of the Town of
said the day

Given under our hand & seal at Bedford this thirtieth
day of March A.D. 1821

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| William Wether | } Selectmen |
| John H. H. H. | |
| Edison Shetter | |

Riddleburgh 2nd day April 2^d 1821,
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have duly notified the
freeholders and other taxable Inhabitants of the Town of Riddleburgh
to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein
mentioned

John David J. Constable.

April 2^d 1821. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met according to the articles then contained as follows. viz gave in their votes for State officers.

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| For Governor, Hon. Hie. Kent May John Brooks Esq of Haverford | 31. Votes |
| For Hon. William Gustis Esq of Roxbury | 50 " |
| For Lieut Governor Hon. William Phillips Esq of Boston | 27 " |
| Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq of Worcester | 47 " |
| Senators & Councilors Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq of Dorchester | 57 " |
| Hon. William Whittemore Esq of West Cambridge | 57 " |
| William Austin Esq of Charlestown | 57 " |
| Samuel S. P. May Esq of Cambridge | 5 " |
| Joseph Lachue Esq of Billerica | 8 " |
| Calvin Sanger Esq of Charlestown | 8 " |

Town affairs.

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

Moderator being John Whittier Esq Moderator

Art. 2 To raise money for support of schools the ensuing year

Voted the sum of \$400.00 for the purchase of paper for the year 1821. Appointed John Wright Esq William May Page John May Joseph Smith Esq to inspect the school.

Art. 3. To know in what manner the town will meet the coming year in repair the ensuing year, Voted by a Committee of one person and appointed Elihu B. Lane for Speaker.

Art. 4 To appoint a Committee in trust for the Page fund in Bedford the ensuing year, appointed William Whittier Esq Elihu B. Lane Esq for the purpose. & Voted that if the interest is not paid in time that the Committee call for the principal in future.

The 3^d Article in the warrant for March Meeting 1821, respecting the mode of collecting taxes, & also the choice of Town Treasurers & Collectors which was put over to a Committee to report there at the meeting to which time the articles were adjourned. - The Report follows

The Committee to whom was referred a warrant of the selectmen for the annual Meeting in March A.D. 1821, in the town of Bedford, as respects a Treasurer collector of taxes have attended that business, & by leave to report, that in their opinion, it will be for the interest of the town to appoint a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to collect the taxes for the year ensuing. Conformably to an act passed by the Legislature their former Session A.D. 1816. And that it shall be his duty to post up Notice in some public place in said town, that he is authorized to allow a discount to each person named in his list of taxes, eight percent who shall pay the amount thereof on or before the first Monday of December next, also a discount of six percent to those who shall pay the amount of their taxes, on or before the first Monday of December next, also a discount of four percent to those who shall pay the amount of their taxes, on or before the first

Monday of February next. And the place where he will be in Session

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Carion on each of the aforesaid days, to settle said taxes, and hearing
Sedgwick from day to day at each session if occasion may require; and he
shall keep a fair record of the amount he shall allow in each Session
which same shall be allowed him in his settlement with said town.
And it shall be the duty of said Treasurer to deliver a list to each person
named in his list, of his or her taxes thirty days or less before said
first Monday in November.

All which is humbly submitted,

By order of the Committee. Thos. Parker Secy.
The Town made of Thos. Parker Treasurer and Collector for the said year
Ordered April 2^d 1821.

The Committee to accept the foregoing report.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the eighth art in
the warrant for March Meeting 1821, viz to know if the town will
join with the town of Carlisle to build a stone abutment in the middle
of Concord River, where the Bridge now stands, between Bedford and
Carlisle, and rebuild the Bridge the present or the next year, and
say anything affecting it the town think best, and report at April
Meeting 1821. They leave to report as follows.

First, that it is inexpedient & unnecessary to build a stone abut-
ment at any time, Secondly, that it is probable the bridge will
stand well & safely for two years to come with common repairs.
Thirdly, that it will be expedient to rebuild said bridge in the summer
of 1822, and to prepare materials for the purpose the winter preceding
or about the building thereof as they think best.

Bedford April 2^d 1821.

Secy. the Committee
William Webber.

Proceeded by William Webber s. Secy.

The Selectmen let out at Auction the finding of putting up one guide
post near Capt. T. Puck, & to remove one post near Dr. Putnam, also
to make a guide board, paint, letter, & put up the same at the
Lancaster. viz 2 at Wm. Webber pointing to Lexington & one to
Millsboro, one near Wm. & S. H. H. pointing to Millsboro, two
near Capt. David Puck pointing to Lexington & one to
Lexington. Two at Wm. Putnam pointing to Concord & Carlisle &
one near Dr. Putnam pointing to Millsboro to Concord.
Paid for \$11.00

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Article Eighth was 50 Days
 Article Ninth " 58 "
 Article Tenth " 60 "
 Article Eleventh " 69 "
 Article Twelfth " 72 ——— 18
 Article Thirteenth " 49 ——— 0
 Article Fourteenth " 59 ——— 0

John Meriam Chooren Moderator.

The Town also made choice of the Rev Samuel Stearns Chairman of the Committee to inspect the school the present year.

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May Meeting 1821. Part over -

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
 Voted in the affirmative the Town will give a bounty on broods heads, caught and
 killed by the inhabitants & within the limits of said Town.
 Art. 2. To know if the Town will give their assent to pay the Highways tax
 by the last valuation of Real & personal estate of said inhabitants.
 Voted in the affirmative.
 Art. 3. Upon the request of Mr. Roger Lane, to know if the Town will
 give a bounty on his high way tax the present year, from his house
 to the road leading to the Meeting house.
 Voted in the affirmative.
 Art. 4. To know if it is the mind of the Town to do a year or to money due
 the Town for which they have already in the past found appropriate the
 interest in the same way, or do any thing respecting it, they may think
 best.

It is agreed not to make return of this warrant until your return is received
 and the election by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands & seals of Office this 20th day of April 1821.

William Webster } Selectmen
 Elijah Weston }

Witness my hand this 20th day of April 1821. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant
 I have helped the Selectmen and other notable inhabitants of the Town
 of Andover to meet at the house of John C. Foster for the purpose within stated.
 John C. Foster Secy.

May 2^d 1821.

Pursuant to the preceding warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Andover
 assembled and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz.
 First to choose a Representative in the General Court, if the same were
 they accordingly made choice of William Webster, for said purpose.

Town Affairs

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
 made choice of Capt. David Reed for Moderator.
 Art. 2. To know if the Town will give a bounty on broods heads, caught and
 killed by the inhabitants & within the limits of said Town.
 Voted in the affirmative viz. 20 cents for old & 10 cents for young broods
 heads that may be killed as above mentioned & is inhibited to the Selectmen
 Art. 3. To know if the Town will give their assent to pay the Highways tax
 by the last valuation of Real & personal estate of said inhabitants.
 Voted in the affirmative.
 Art. 4. Upon the request of Mr. Roger Lane, to know if the Town will
 give a bounty on his high way tax the present year, from
 his house to the road leading to the Meeting house.
 Voted that his request be granted under the inspection
 of the Survey of Highways for the Town & inq.

And also to know if it be the mind of the town to add any or all the things, but
the town for which they hold land, to the original of appropiate the
intent in the same way as to anything affecting it. It is hereby resolved
that the town appointed a Committee of five to take an account of the land
and report to the town at the next annual meeting, by Capt David Reed
John Harrison Esq, Nathaniel Maynard, Dea. Hove, Nicholas Dwyer Esq
Aug 9 1821

Quoted by William Potter Town Clerk

Whereupon the town went to board lot trade, with any further order to the
town for one year from the 1st of June next, to Joseph Smith of \$500 per
Violet a common colony, just as said board lot trade, for one year and 1/2 of June
next to Bradley Brown at \$100 per acre.

The Selectmen let out the churning this fall, summing the meeting house
as has been the usual practice heretofore for one year, to James Dwyer of \$100 per
year, and also appointed for and right Saxon the year ensuing.
Also let the bell for the meeting house for one year, to William Dwyer
but not to be used for the striking of any bell or other any antientible
vulgarities, nor to any in any light or fire or anything, or firing of fire
the meeting house of defining the meeting house of the town, &c.

September 1821

SS Middlesex To John Reed Esq a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County.
In the name of the town of Bedford, in the County of Middlesex, you are hereby required
to let, and cause the freeholders and other Votable in said town, of legal age
qualified to law to select a town officer, by Charles Lawrence Esq to the
age of twenty one years, and to hold in said town for the space of one
year next ensuing, and have been taxed for their Polls or any estate
in any tax which is to be raised by the town, to assemble at the Center
School house in said town on Monday the third day of September next
at two of the clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for this meeting.
- Art. 2 To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County.
- Art. 3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town this coming year.
- Art. 4 To know in what method the town will procure that a small
steam fire wood this coming year.
- Art. 5 To know if it be the pleasure of the town to appoint a Committee
to attend to the Chelmsford Road, so called, or do any thing respecting said
Road they may think best.

If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings hereon
unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.

Given under my hand & seal this twentieth day of August 1821.

Wm. Dwyer Esq Bedford September 3-1821. } Wm. Dwyer } Selectman
John Harrison }
Nathaniel Maynard }
Dea. Hove }
Nicholas Dwyer }
Dwyer Esq

Pursuant to the within warrant I have
Notified & warned the inhabitants of said Bedford
fore and be much of the time & place and for the purpose
within mentioned.
John Reed Esq Constable of said Bedford, Secy

September 3. 1821. { ^{September} Meeting took place

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the town met and acted on the articles therein contained as follows, viz:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting. John Meriam chosen. Moderator

Art. 2. To bring in their votes for a Moderator of said town for said County.

The votes being brought in voted and counted by the Moderator of said meeting and John Bleck, it appeared there were for

Samuel Marble of Cambridge forty one votes — — — 41

For Joseph Parker of Billerica nine votes — — — 9

and for Caleb Butler of Groton one vote — — — 1

Art. 3. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of this town the ensuing year

Voted the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars for this purpose \$450.00

Art. 4. To know in what method the town will procure the necessary

man of fire wood the ensuing year. Voted the usual mode and

appointed the selectmen for the purpose.

Art. 5. To know if it be the pleasure of the town, to appoint a committee to attend to the Chelmsford Road & called or doing anything respecting said Road they may think best.

Voted Not to act on the article, and that the subject remain

as it now stands.

Continued article

The Committee that was chosen by the town at their last Meeting to take into consideration the funds of the town; have attended their service. And ask leave to report as follows: they think it not expedient at present to unite the money due to the town with the Page funds. But in their opinion it should be for the ^{part} of the town to have the money that is due to the town in their hands that the interest will be promptly paid. That two per cent of the interest be added to the principal money, and the remainder of the interest go toward the support of the Gospel; until the town shall direct it otherwise.

All which is humbly submitted David Reed Jr. orator

The town accepted the above report.

Recorded by H. W. H. S. S. S.

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, legally assembled, on Monday the 17th day of September A.D. 1821. to consider and act on the fall of the Chelmsford Road, the warrant for said Meeting, &c. Upon the request of Elijah Stearns Esq and 15 others to know if the town will take into consideration again the subject of the Chelmsford Road, & called and near any proposals that may be offered by any individuals, or do any thing respecting said Road they may think best for the interest of the town.

Elijah Stearns chosen Moderator.

The town voted to adhere to their vote passed on the 10th day of October 1820. —

Middlesex St. Bedford March 4th 1822.

William Webster, Juror, Honorary & Justice & Minister
Selectmen of said Town, Came before me, and made oath, that they will
faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office, respecting
all elections and the return thereof. *Johniah Peck* Justice of Peace

Middlesex Co John Peck Jr a Constable of the County of Bedford
in said County. Greeting

Let you are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass.
Let to notify & direct the freeholders & other persons inhabi-
tants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in the choice of Town
Officers, viz. such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided
in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, & not supported
by the Town to assemble at the Center School house in the Town
on Monday the 4th day of March next at one of the clock P.M.
for the following purpose. viz.

Art 1 To choose a moderator for said meeting

Art 2 To choose Town officers for the year ensuing

And you are alike required to summon & notify the inhabitants
of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs & who are
have arrived to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said
Town for the space of one year next preceding (and not supported
by the Town) and having said term have been taxed for their Poll
or any estate in said Town to assemble on the day & at the place above mentioned at three of
the clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1 To choose a moderator for said meeting

Art 2 To bring their votes for a Treasurer for said County for the
ensuing year.

Art 3 To raise money for the repair of the highways & bridges

Art 4 To know in what method the Town will repair the high ways
and bridges the ensuing year.

Art 5 To know if the Town will restrain that cattle & horses from
going at large on the high way and common lands the
ensuing year.

Art 6 To know if the Town choose their Tythingmen by ballot in future.

Art 7 To know if the Town will give their Tythingmen any instructions
affecting keeping order & regulations in the meeting house, or
Lever Days, or do anything respecting it they may think best.

Art 8 To know if the Town will express their opinion respecting the
Road from Bedford line to Lexington Meeting meeting house
or do anything respecting it they may think best.

Grand over

Tything men

Dea. Michael Crockett was called upon & authorized to sweep such orders on Lords
 Indeed in order to sweep in the days in the three houses, and the Center
 James Webber was called upon & authorized to sweep in the days in the three houses, and the Center
 Elijah Stearns & Co

Agreed David Bird & Timothy J. Smith to perform the duty of sweeping the
 Church & the Town Hall & the Court House & the Town Hall & the Court House & the Town Hall & the Court House
 Second part of the warrant respecting town affairs

Art 1 To choose a Moderator, read a list of names for the purpose
 And to bring in their vote for a Moderator for the year 1822
 The votes being but in 3 being 2 to 1 & carried by the votes of 2 to 1
 Then was for John Keyes of Concord for 43
 and for Nathan Tomlinson of Concord one vote

Art 2 To raise money for the repair of highways & Bridges during the ensuing year.
 Voted the sum of \$500.00, for said purpose

Art 3 To know in what manner the town will repair the Highways & Bridges
 during the ensuing year, Voted that 100% of the year's tax be applied to the
 repair of the roads, & appointed Dea. Michael Crockett, Elijah Stearns & Co and
 William Stearns a Committee to do the same from the tax for the year &
 expend in repairing the road from Castle Bridge to Lexington
 line, ~~and~~ is extra work on said road, and the remainder to be ex-
 pended in the usual manner, & that there be but three wagoners in the town

Art 4 To know if the town will restrain their cattle & horses from
 going at large on the highways and common land the ensuing
 year Voted that cattle & horses be restrained from going at large on the
 highways & common land within the limits of the town
 under the regulation of the law in that case made & provided.

Art 5 To know if the town will choose their Tything men in future by ballot.
 Voted that the Selectmen nominate persons for Tything
 the choice of Tything men as above.

Art 6 To know if the town will give their Tything men any in-
 structions respecting sweeping orders & regulations in the Meeting
 house or Lords day, or do anything respecting it they may
 think better. See Tything men.

Art 7 To know if the town will express their opinion respecting the road
 from Oxford line to Lexington Meeting house, or do anything respecting
 the same. Voted that the town consider the complaint
 which has been made to the Court of Common Pleas for this county, against the
 imperfect state of the road from Lexington line, near Mt. Waterbury
 to the meeting house in said town as being reasonable and proper, and
 that the said road ought now to be presented before the Court for repair.

March 4th 1822.

The Town bet. at auction 20 feet of plank 20 feet long & 3 inches thick
of Dea Michael Massey at \$10. per hundred.

Recorded by William Hibber Town Clerk

April Meeting 1822.

(Seal)

Middletown N. H. To Nathaniel Bacon a Constable of the Town of
Bedford in said County.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to Notify and warn by putting up a copy of this warrant in the
meeting house in said Town Every Male citizen of twenty one year
of age and upwards (except paupers & persons under Guardianship) who
shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year & within the Town
six calendar months next preceding, and who shall have paid by himself
or his Parents, Father, or Guardian, any State or County tax, which shall
within two years next preceding have been assessed upon him in any Town
or district of this Commonwealth; and also every citizen who shall be
by law exempted from taxation, and who shall be in all other respects
qualified as above mentioned, to assemble at the Center School house
in said Bedford on Monday the first day of April next, at two of the
Clock P. M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor
Lieut. Governor for said Commonwealth, and also for Senators and
Councillors for the district of Middletown.

And you are also required, to summon and notify the inhabitants of said
Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, viz, such as have arrived
to the age of twenty one year, and resided in said Town for the space of one
year next preceding (not paupers) and during said term have been taxed
for their Poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the Town
to assemble on the day, and at the place above mentioned, at three of
the Clock P. M. to consider and act on the following Articles viz:

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- Art 2nd To bring in their votes a Register of Deeds for said County, for the
term of five years from the month of March 1821.
- Art 3rd To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.
- Art 4th To know in what method the Town will collect the taxes in said
Town, the ensuing year, and also to choose a collector & Town Treasurer
for the ensuing year.
- Art 5th To know in what method the Town will keep the Public Bridge
in repair the ensuing year.
- Art 6th To appoint a Committee in trust of the Stage fund, in Bedford.
- Art 7th Upon the request of the inhabitants of the South School district
to know if the Town will enlarge the School house in said district
or do any thing respecting it they may think best.

- Arb^d Upon the request of James Lane. To know if the Town will allow him to work out his highway tax between the Road and his house the present year.
- Arb^d 9 To know if the Town will widen the conveyance and Bridges against Lincoln & Ologeth Mills, or do any thing respecting them they may think best.
- Arb^d 10 To see if the Town will finish a room under the meeting house, suitable to hold Town meetings in in future, and for other purposes, and also to lease the meeting house from the same, or if the Town should prefer it to sell the Carter's School house, and build a larger one two stories high the chamber of which shall be rendered commodious for a Town hall, or do any thing they may think proper respecting the premises.
- Arb^d 11 To know if the Town will do any thing respecting the chimney.

Have of late not and make return of this warrant with your former therein into one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at New Bedford this 18th day of March 1832.
William Hubbor {
Elijah Sheldon. } Selectmen

New Bedford 21st March 1832 Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as within expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within contents.
Theobald Brown Constable

- April 18th 1832 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Town met and read in the public the inclosed at follows, viz
He gave in their votes for Governor being voted and counted in said meeting by the Selectmen, there were for said Excellency John B. Cook Esq of
Barnstable 30 votes
for William Crocker Esq of Roxbury 18
for Lieut Governor William Phillips Esq of Boston 25
for Levi Lincoln Esq of Worcester 61
for Capt Elijah (Bulfinch) Esq of New Bedford 1
for John William Dutton Esq of Wrentham 60
and Samuel Dana Esq of Groton 60
Councillors Levi Thaxter Esq of Wrentham 60
Joel Brewster Esq of Marlborough 60
Ebenezer Hobbs Esq of Wrentham 7
Samuel Hoar Esq of Concord 25
Timothy Walker Esq of Charlestown 25
John Abbott Esq of Wrentham 25
for John Adams Esq of Framingham 25
Edmund Parker Esq of Reading 25
William Whittamore Esq of Wrentham 25

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Town affairs &c.

- Art 1st To call a Moderator for the meeting, John Meriam Ex officio
- Art 2nd To bring in their votes for a Register of deeds for said County for the term of five years from the month of March 1821, the votes being brought in, listed and counted as the law directs.
- There were for Thomas Harris Esq of Andover — 48 votes
for Joseph Barber of Billerica — — — 2
for William F Stone Esq of Cambridge — — 12
& for Caleb Butler Esq of Groton — — — 29
- Art 3rd To raise money for support of schools the ensuing year.
- Noted the sum of \$400.00 for said purpose, Com^{rs} Geo. W. Lane, David M. Wilson, David Smith, John Meriam & Nathaniel Cotton. To inspect the schools.
- Art 4th To know in what method the Town will collect the taxes in said town the ensuing year, and also to choose a collector and Town Treasurer for the ensuing year. —
- Voted the same as last year viz. to allow a discount of eight per cent on the first Monday of Nov. Next, six per cent on the first Monday of December Next, and four per cent on the first Monday of February next, to all persons who shall pay the amount of their taxes as aforesaid. and then let out the office of collector and treasurer, let auction to the lowest bidder, which was struck off to John Bacon (who was accepted by the Town, and is sworn to the faithful discharge of said office) for the sum of \$1400.
- Art 5th To know in what method the Town will keep the Carriage Bridge in repair the ensuing year, Voted that Eliab B Lane be the Committee for the purpose. —
- Art 6th To appoint a Committee in Trust for the safe fund in Andover Voted that William Wilber, Dea. Hous Ditch & Dea. Michael Cross be a Committee for the purpose. —
- Art 7th Upon the request of the inhabitants of the South School related to a Court District, To know if the Town enlarge the School house in a Court District or do any thing respecting it they may think best.
- Art 8th Upon the request of James Lane, To know if the Town will allow him to work out his highway tax between the Road and his house, the present year. Voted in the affirmative, under the direction of the Surveyor. —
- Art 9th To know if the Town will widen the causeway and Bridge against Simon Blodgett's mill, or do any thing respecting it they may think best. Voted that Joshua Page, David Lane, Levi Wilson, John Meriam & Nathaniel Hayward, be a Committee to view the same and report thereon to the Town at next May Meeting.
- Voted on the 7th article, that Capt David Reed, David Lane, Simon Blodgett, John Meriam & Nathaniel Hayward view the S. School house and report their opinion thereon at next May meeting.

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Art 10th To see if the Town will furnish a room under the Meeting house
suitable to hold Town meetings in, in future, and for other purposes
and also to heat the Meeting house from the same, or if the Town
should prefer it, to sell the Center School house and build a larger
one, two stories high, the chambers of which shall be rented com-
modious for a Town hall, or do any thing they may think best re-
specting the premises. Voted that Eldrs David Reed, David
Lane, Levi Wilson, John Williams & Timothy Jones be a com-
mittee to ~~consider~~ take into consideration every item of the order
the convenience, & inconvenience, and probable expense of either mode
separately, and report to the Town at next September meeting.

Art 11 To know if the Town will do any thing respecting the singing.
The Town appointed Thomas Bacon, David Lane, & Jos. American
Pratt, a committee, to take the subject in ^{into consideration} ~~all~~ ^{on the subject} ~~consideration~~ ^{and}
to confer with a committee appointed by the singing, and
report their opinion thereon to the Town at next May
meeting.

Recorded by William McLeer Town Clerk

May Meeting 1822.

Seal. Middlesex Co. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of ~~Pratt~~
in said County. Greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to Notify and warn by posting up, a copy of this warrant in the Meeting
house in said Town, Every Male citizen of twenty or more years of age
and upwards, except paupers and persons under guardianship
who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year and
within said Town six calendar months, next preceding, and who
shall have paid by himself, or his Parent, Master or Guardian
any State or County tax which shall within two years have been
assessed upon him, in any Town or district within the Commonwealth,
and also every who shall be or law exempted from taxation, and
who shall be in all other respects, qualified as above mentioned.

To Assemble at the Center School house in said Town on Mon-
day the sixth day of May next, at two of the Clock P.M. for the
purpose of choosing Representatives to represent them in the
General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston
on the last Wednesday of May next.

And you are also required to Notify and warn the inhabi-
tants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, of
such as have arrived to the age of twenty one year and resided
in said Town for the space of one year next preceding (under
guardian) and during said term have been taxed for their poll or
any estate, in any tax in any tax voted to be raised by the Town.

To Assemble ~~at the~~ on the day and at the place above mentioned

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at three of the clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Art. 2nd To know what method the Town & State relating to the support of their Poor, the present year

Art. 3rd To know if the Town will give a bounty for Crows heads, caught and killed within the limits of the Town, the ensuing year;

Art. 4th To know if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by the Selectmen & on John Morris house to & in instant need doing anything it they may think best.

Art. 5th To bring in their vote for a Register of deeds for said County, for the term of five years from March 1821.

Art. 6th To know if the Town will direct the Selectmen, when they let out the ringing of the Bell, to include the ringing the same at 12 of the clock at noon, (Sunday excepted) and at 9 of the clock at night every day through the year, at the Town expense.

Also to hear the reports of several Committees, to whom was committed the following subjects at last April Meeting viz: respecting enlarging the School house in the South School district, also respecting widening the cause way against Simons Blagden Mill, and also respecting the ringing and fund for that purpose.

And if fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doing therein unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting

Given under our hands and seal at Bedford this 26th day of April 1822.

William Miller } Selectmen
Eliason Shelton }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notice the inhabitants of the Town as there is expressed, by putting up a copy of the writs in warrant in the meeting house, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned

Bedford April 28th 1822. John Bacon Clerk Town

May 6th 1822. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Town met, and acted on the Articles therein contained as follows, viz: Voted Not to send a Representative to the General Court the present year.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Mr Benjamin Simonds for chosen Moderator.

Art. 2nd To know what method the Town will take relating to the support of their Poor the ensuing year.

Voted that the Selectmen receive written proposals for the support of all poor persons on expense or may need relief during one year ensuing. And that they put them to the persons for support who shall offer to take them the lowest, and indemnify the Town from any expense for them, whatever, during said term

May Meeting 1892. Continued.

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April 20th to know if the town will accept of a bridge laid out by the petitioners within the limits of the town the ensuing year.
Voted ~~to~~ in the affirmative viz: 20 cents for old & 10 cents for young cows
held that man be caught & killed as mentioned in the article.
April 24th to know if the town will accept of a bridge laid out by the petitioners from John Williams house to Lexington line or do anything they may think best respecting it. The bridge is laid out as follows.

April 20, 1892. The Selectmen laid out an open highway or road on land of John Williams Esq. as follows viz: beginning at a stake set by the road at the southeast corner of said Williams Esq. house, running south easterly to an apple tree, thence running south easterly near the corner of a wall, thence the corner by said wall and a ditch bank to Shauken River, thence to a stake set on the line between the towns of Lexington and Pellet, near the Danley Bridge, a road about 100 rods in length, said road is laid out the roadwise and the premises above mentioned are all on the north easterly side of said road, and the Selectmen agree that the land and road & make no claim thereunto, & no more use of any expense to the town, except the ordinary highway tax, and also to open said road in one way from the Lexington side of the same. William J. Fisher
The town voted to accept said road. Elihu Hill on Selectmen
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The continued Article respecting enlarging the school house in the South School district. The Committee reported that in their opinion said house could not ~~not~~ be enlarged, as to be convenient, that it would be better for the town to sell the old house and build a new one. The town voted ^{to raise} the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of building a new house, in addition to the proceeds of the sale of the old house, or ~~enlarge the old one, or the school district~~ ~~the~~ and then appointed a Committee to superintend the building of a new house, or ~~enlarging the old one~~. viz: James Page, Levi Wilson, Lebedee Simonds, Nathaniel Haywood and David Lorne.

The continued article respecting widening the causeway against Simon Blodgett's Mill. The Committee reported, that it is necessary to widen the road and bridges eight feet, one of the bridges to be built new, the other repaired, and that Mr. Simon Blodgett offered to widen the causeway eight feet with the town & gravel

and widen the bridges as above mentioned, and cover the water side with stone, for the sum of one hundred & twenty five dollars \$125. The Town voted to accept the above report, provided the work be done to the acceptance of the Selectmen, and voted that ^{sum} of one hundred and twenty five dollars, to be applied with the town taxes. \$125.

The continued article respecting the Singing. The Committee reported the following agreement, & Constitution, made by the singers, viz. We the subscribers, for the purpose of encouraging & promoting sacred music which is an essential part of public worship in religious assemblies, do voluntarily engage with each other, that we will jointly & severally observe the following Article, as the Constitution & Law of the Society hereafter to be known by the Name of the Harmonic Society in Bedford. viz.

- 1st The officers of the Society shall be chosen annually on the Wednesday after the first Monday of March, ~~annually~~ viz. a President, Singing Master, & Assistant Masters, Secretary, Treasurer, & three persons as a standing Committee.
 - 2^d It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all Meetings of the Society and to receive all communications made to the Society,
 - 3^d It shall be the duty of the Singing Master to lead the Singing at all times when present, & in his absence the Assistant Master, or any of the standing Committee.
 - 4th It shall be the duty of the Committee or of one or more in two years to provide for a school for the instruction of young scholars beginning in 1822, and to call upon the Treasurer of said Society for money to defray the expense of the same.
 - 5th The Treasurer shall receive all donations or monies, for safe keeping, & put the same at interest, as the Committee shall direct.
 - 6th Special Meetings may be called by the Committee, the Secretary posting notice one Sabbath previous.
 - 7th All meetings for practice to be notified by the Singing Master.
 - 8th All members of the Society who subscribe to the Articles feel themselves obligated to sit in the Singers Seats, & to aid in that pleasing part of public worship, & not unnecessarily absent themselves therefrom.
 - 9th All the above Articles we pledge ourselves faithfully to observe, Provided the Town by their vote on the 6th of May A.D. 1822. Authorize the Selectmen to pay to the Treasurer of S. Society, that part of the income of the Page fund, now due for the aid of sacred music, as soon as the Singers shall be organized, agreeably to the above articles, and likewise raise the sum of \$25. to be laid out by the Societys Committee, for instrumental music and books for the Society. per order Nathaniel Bacon.
- The Town voted to accept the foregoing report, and also voted that the above sum of twenty five dollars, be applied with North Town tax.

Names of the Society.

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| Catharine Hemner | Alford Smith | Byron Page | Emily Lee | Julia Harmon |
| Ephraim Abbott | David Loney | Benjamin Hartwell | Elisha Gragg | Sylvania Bacon |
| Oliver Abbott | Charles Gragg | Thomas Danner | Abigail Stearns | Other Bacon |
| David Reed Jr. | Elbridge Bacon | Warren Parker | Sarah C. Stearns | Louisa Reed |
| James Wright | Jonathan Harmon | | Fidelia Page | Kane Bacon |
| Nathan Bacon | John Chase | | Mary D. Buttrick | Sarah Bacon |
| Saml. Butler | Elbridge Stearns | | Calley M. Stearns | |
| John Taylor | John Buttrick | | Velera Watson | |
| | John Hayward | | Hannah Watber | |
| | | | Louise Pustan | |

Officers of the Society

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| David Reed Jr. Clerk | Oliver Abbott Singing Master | William Taylor Treasurer |
| Catharine Harmon President | David Reed & Secretary | James Wright & Committee |
| | | Saml. Butler |

May 18th 1822.

Nov 6th 1822. The Selectmen let out the ringing the Bell, as usual,
and also a bellman in the week except the Sundays at twelve o'clock
at noon, and also to keep the Meeting house as usual, to
clear away the snow and take all necessary care of said house, to
to Benjamin Bacon & for one year, for the sum of \$ 84.00.
Also let the bellman under the Meeting house, under summer win-
dows, for one year, to Silas Dudley for the sum of - ~~\$ 2.25~~ 2.00
The Selectmen appointed Jacob Robinson collector for the year
ensuing.

Bedford May 13th 1822

The Selectmen agreeably to a vote of the Town, proceeded and let out the Poor, viz
Samuel Meriam, wife, Jonas Meriam, & Hannah Meriam; Miss Noh, Violeta
Nepre woman, Elizabeth Fitch, Daniel Fitch, John Moor & Isaac Fred. which
are now a charge to the Town for their support & maintenance, including clothing
in, & paying free of any expense whatever to the Town, on their account for one
year ensuing, and also all others that may need relief during said term. To
Thomas Page & Carlisle for the sum of two hundred & fifty five dollars \$ 255.
to be paid as follows, one half in seven months from this date, and the other
half at the expiration of said term, said Page is to return their clothing in
as good repair as they now are, & to pay all funeral charges that may occur
on their account during said term.

September Meeting 1822

- L.S. Middlesex Co To the Honorable Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford in
said County - Greeting
L.S. You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
L.S. Justice, to notify and warn the free holders and other Voteable inhabitants of said
Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, viz, such as have arrived
to the age of twenty one years, and resided in said Town for the space of one
year next preceeding, except paupers and during said term have been
taxed for their polls or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the Town
to assemble at the Center School house in said Town on Tuesday the
third day of September next at two of the Clock P.M. to consider and
act on the following Articles, viz:
Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.
Art. 2. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.
Art. 3. To know in what method the Town will procure the Rev. Samuel Beach, of
Wood the present year.
Art. 4. To know if the Town will proceed to build the Carlisle bridge, (voted)
agreeably to a former vote.
Art. 5. To know if the Town will reconsider their vote to build a school house in the
South district, and repair the same, or do any thing respecting it they may
think best.
If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereunto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting. Given -
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Given under our hands and seals the 22^d day of August. 1822.

William Webber
John Meriam
Elijah Sheltor } Selectmen

Bedford August 24th 1822.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting a copy of the same in the Meeting house eight days prior to said meeting. Shelton Bacon Corbett

September 3. 1822.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the articles therein contained as follows, viz:

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting, made choice of Thompson Bacon Esq.
- Art 2^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$4000 for the same.
- Art 3^d To know in what method the Town will procure the next annual tax for fire wood the present year. Voted ⁱⁿ the usual mode, and appointed the Selectmen a Committee for that purpose & procuring the same.
- Art 4th To know if the Town will proceed to build the Bridge (vocalled) aqueduct to a former vote. The Town voted the sum of 200.00 to be to be expended the present fall, for the purchase of procuring Materials for said Bridge the coming winter, and appointed Eliab W Lane John Meriam Esq. & Dea Michael Crosby a Committee for said purpose. And left the remainder of the article to be acted upon at some future Meeting.
- Art 5th To know if the Town will reconsider their vote to build a School house on the South district, and repair the present house, or do any thing respecting it they may think best. The Town voted to reconsider their vote to build a new house, and then appointed William Shams, John Meriam, Martin Hayward, Lincoln Stearns, & Simon Blodgett, a Committee to view the present house to see whether it can be enlarged to so as to convene the district, and the expense of the same, and also the expense of building a new house, and also the ~~the~~ expense which would be suitable for said district, and report to the Town at next December Meeting.
- The continued article respecting building a hall under the Meeting house and warming said hall from the Pig Cellar or hall, or any other way, and selling the Center School house, &c. &c.
- The Town voted to continue the article indefinitely.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

Nov. Meeting 1822.

At a Meeting of the So. able inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled at the Center School house on the forth day of Nov. 1822. being the first Monday of said month for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district.

The votes being brought in and counted, there were for Timothy Doolittle Esq. of Cambridge forty votes. A.C. respecting the birth school house the continued article from last September Meeting was taken into consideration. John Meriam Esq. Chairman Moderator.

The Committee appointed on the subject made the following report, viz. They find the whole number of Scholars in the district to be about twenty and that the present house does not convene more than about half that number. And are unanimous in the opinion that it is not best so large and hence we think it must be enlarged in length & breadth or it cannot be convenient and the facing in the end with ink would not be any thing. We therefore recommend to have it sold and a new one built, twenty two feet square. Mr. Simeon Blodgett has made a hearty cast of the cost of the proposed house & thinks it will cost \$230.00 not including painting.

Mr. Benjamin Simeon Esq. has authorized us to say that he will give for the birth school house \$75.00 sometime within one year if it cannot be disposed of to better advantage, all which is respectfully submitted.

Bedford Oct. 10. 1822.

William Stearns
John Meriam
Matthew Hayward
Simeon Stearns
Simeon Blodgett

Committee

The Town accepted the foregoing report, and appointed a Committee to carry the same into effect, by way of advertising for proposals to be brought in for building said House to be completed about the last of September next. The Committee. Joshua Page, Simeon Blodgett, & John Meriam Esq.

Received by William Webster Don or Clerk

Bedford Dec. 16th 1822. The Selectmen accepted of the Road & Bridges as widened by Simeon Blodgett, by his Mills, agreeably to a Vote of the Town passed on the sixth day of May last, and agreement by said Simeon Blodgett, to do the work, on the following conditions. viz. that said Blodgett warrant the road as a permanent road one year from this date, if it should fall down he will build it up again & pay any expenses to the Town, and if the whole way (so called) which he has filled up he will be bound to carry of the Surpluysage of water, he will open it again through the hole of said Road or dam, free of expense to the Town. And it is further agreed between the Selectmen & the said Blodgett, that the Town shall support eight years of the Bridge on the East side of the said Road or dam, & said Blodgett the remainder to the Mill, in future.

Simeon Blodgett
William Webster
John Meriam

Selectmen

Bedford Dec. 16th 1822. Received of William Webster Don or Clerk the sum of one hundred & twenty five dollars, being in full for widening & repairing the head or dam & Bridges on said Mills according to an agreement between me & the said Town of Bedford.

\$125.00

(certified among warrants)

Simeon Blodgett

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Middlesex for March Meeting 1823.

L. S. To Nathaniel Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County. Greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to Notify and warn the freeholders and other Votable inhabitants of said Town.
Qualified by law to vote in the choice of Town officers, viz. such as have
arrived to the age of twenty one year, and resided in said town for the
space of one year Next preceeding, (and not supported by the town)
To Assemble at the Center School house on Monday the third day of March
Next, at one of the clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2 To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

And you are also required to summon and Notify the inhabitants of said
town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, viz. such as have arrived to
the age of twenty one year, and resided in said town for the space of one
year Next preceeding, (and not a pauper) and during said term have been
taxed for their Polls or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town
To Assemble on the day and at the place above mentioned, at three of the
clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2 To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for said County, for the ensuing year

" 3 To raise Money to repair the Highway & Bridges the year ensuing.

" 4 To know in what method the town will repair the Highway & Bridges the year ensuing

" 5 To know if the town will restrain Next castled houses from going at large
the present year.

" 6 To know if the town will proceed to rebuild the Carlisle Bridge (vocalle)
the ensuing summer, and raise money for that purpose.

" 7 To know what method the town will take to collect the taxes the year ensuing

" 8 To know in what method the town will support the Poor the year ensuing.

And fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hand, & Seal at Bedford this 17th day of Decr. A.D. 1823.

William Webber

John Meriam

Leijah Shelton

} Selectmen

Bedford Feb. 20th 1823. Pursuant to the within warrant
I have warned the inhabitants of the town as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place, & for the purposes therein
expressed, by posting a copy of the same, as the law directs.

Nathaniel Bacon Constable of the Town of Bedford.

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March 9 1829.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Concord, N.H. met and were convened and acted on the aforesaid business then introduced as follows to-wit:

- At 1 To choose a moderator for said meeting, made choice of John Merriam Esq.
- " 2 To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

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| Town Clerk William Webber | } Surveyors of Highways | Joshua Page, sworn into office |
| Sworn into office | | Elide W. Lane sworn into office |
| Selectmen William Webber | | Gene Robinson sworn into office |
| Lebanon Bacon | | John Merriam Esq. sworn into office |
| Nathan Hayward | } Town of Standing sworn into office | Cap John Reed sworn into office |
| Sworn as before | | Dea. H. Hall sworn into office |
| Town Treasurers, referred the choice to April Meeting | } Constables John Bacon | Levi Wilson sworn into office |
| Lebanon Bacon | | Hughes H. Johnson |
| Sworn into office | } Pound keeper, John Bacon, sworn into office | Oliver W. Lane, sworn into office |
| Collector, referred the choice to April meeting | | Nothingmen |
| Butlers S. Lane & Joseph | } Cap Joel Bristol sworn into office | Francis Wilson sworn into office |
| Silas Dudley | | Lebedee Leonard sworn into office |
| Benjamin Reed | } William Page sworn into office | |
| Sworn into office | | |
| Field officers Francis Wilson | } Hogsmeets | David Lane sworn into office |
| Joseph Lane sworn into office | | Elijah Bacon sworn into office |
| Elide W. Lane, sworn into office | } Josiah H. Willie sworn into office | Joshua Page sworn into office |
| Timothy Jones, sworn into office | | Benjamin Bacon sworn into office |
| Cap Joel Bristol sworn into office | } Eunice the Jones sworn into office | Silas Dudley sworn into office |
| Francis Wilson | | Lebanon Lane sworn into office |
| Levi Wilson sworn into office | } Gustavus Hammer sworn into office | John Dudley |
| Elide W. Lane sworn into office | | Thomas Hardwick |
| Sealers of weights & measures | } Asa Lewis Sheldon | Nathaniel & Eliza |
| Lebanon Bacon, sworn into office | | |
| Surveyors of lumber | } Joshua Page sworn into office | |
| Lebanon Bacon, sworn into office | | |

Town Affairs.

- At 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting, made choice of John Merriam Esq.
- " 2 To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for said County for the ensuing year. The votes being brot. in counted & sorted, there were for John H. Jones Esq. 54 Concord fifty one votes.
- " 3 To raise money to repair the Highways & bridges the year ensuing. Voted the sum of \$500. to be expended for that purpose in the usual way on all the districts.
- Also voted the sum of \$500. ^{to be taken from the Treasurer} as extra money to ^{be} expended on the road from Carleton Bridge to Learning Lane under the direction of the Surveyors on said road carried over

March Meeting 1822. but forward.

- At 1st to know in what method the town will repair the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year. Voted the usual method.
- " 5. To know if the town will restrain their cattle & horses from going at large the present year. Voted. that they be restrained, under the regulation of the Law.
- " 6 To know if the town will proceed to rebuild the bridge the ensuing year Voted in the affirmative. and appointed a Committee viz. John Meriam Esq. Levi Wilson & L. Lincoln to select, to procure the work done in any way that they shall think most beneficial to the town. also voted the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars \$550 for said purpose, and if that sum should be insufficient, to draw orders on the Treasurer for said deficiency. —
- " 7th To know what method the town will take to collect the taxes the ensuing year. The town ^{appointed} a Committee viz. John Meriam Esq. Robert & Elijah Stearns Esq. to take the subject into consideration and report to the town at next April Meeting to which time the Article stands adjourned.
- " 8th To know in what method the town will support the poor the ensuing year Voted to refer the article to next April Meeting.

Recorded by William Wicker & Clerk.

The Selectmen let at auction the Celler under the Meetinghouse for one year, from the 1st of Jan next, to Simon Blodgett, for \$2.50
 1822 Paid by meeting Coffin for Thimael Wilson & 1/2 bushel Meal, for some
 Middlesex St. Bedford March 10th 1822
 William Wicker, Deuben Bacon & Warner Hayward Selectmen of said town, came before me, and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office respecting all elections and the returns thereof. Elijah Stearns Justice of Peace

April Meeting 1823

Middlesex St. To Deuben Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford
 in said town.
 L.S. You are required in the Name of the Common wealth of Mass-
 sets to notify and warn every male citizen of twenty or more
 years of age and upward, (except paupers and persons under guardians-
 ship) who shall have resided in the Commonwealth one year and
 within the town six calendar months next preceding
 and shall have paid by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian any
 State or County tax which shall within two years next preceding
 have been assessed upon him in any town or district in this Common-
 wealth, and also every citizen who shall be by Law exempted from
 taxation, and in all other respects qualified as above mentioned.
 To assemble at the Center School house in said Town on Monday
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the seventeenth day of April next at two of the clock P. M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor & Lieut. Governor for said Commonwealth and also for Senators & Councilors for the district of Middlesex

And you are also required to summon and notify the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, viz, such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years and resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding, (and not supported by the town or under Quartership,) and among said town have been taxed for their poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town. To assemble on the day & at the place above mentioned, at three of the clock P. M. to consider and act on the following articles, viz.

1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2. To consider and act on the unfinished business of last March meeting, viz, the method the town will proceed in, respecting the collecting taxes, and to hear the report of a Committee appointed on the subject, and appoint a Treasurer & Collector, and also respecting the Support of the Poor.
3. To raise money for the Support of School the ensuing year, and appoint a School Committee.
4. To know in what method the town will keep the Bridge Bridge in repair the year ensuing.
5. To appoint a Committee in trust for the Page Fund in Bedford the year ensuing.
6. To know if the town will abate in their annual September Meeting and transact the ordinary business thereof, at the usual May Meeting, and direct when the town will be made, or doing them up as they may think best.
7. To know if the town will, upon the request of the inhabitants of the district, build a new School house in said district, or repair the present house, and procure a new stove, sufficient to warm the house suitably for a school, or do any thing respecting the subject the town may think best.
8. To know if the town will take any measure to procure a bridge or do any thing respecting it they may think best.
9. To know if the town will purchase a piece of land near the gravel pond at Shelton corner, suitable for the use of digging gravel for repairing roads or do any thing respecting it they may think best.
10. To know if the town will pay a bounty on Coopers hives, caught within the limits of the town.
11. To know if the town will permit Robbison to be killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year.

Having read and made return of the warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by the town of said meeting, Given under our hand & seal of the said town, this 25th day of April 1823.

Bedford March 28, 1823. Pursuant to the within warrant to mediate I have earned the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, Middlesex by law to vote as they may prefer to the next town meeting for the purpose therein expressed.

Prentiss Bacon Constable.

April Meeting Meeting 1823. continued

April seventh 1823. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the vestible inhabitants of said town met, and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, firstly to bring in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor or Senators and Councillors, the votes being bro't in counted, sorted, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, there were,

for Governor

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| Hon. Harrison Gray Esq. of Boston | 28 votes |
| Hon. William Burtis Esq. of Roxbury | 17 " |
| Hon. John Phillips Esq. of Boston | 3 " |

For Lieut. Governor.

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| Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq. of Worcester | 76 " |
| Hon. Daniel Noble Esq. of Milwinstown | 29 " |
| Hon. William Burtis Esq. of Roxbury | 1 " |

For Senators & Councillors

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| Hon. Joel Cronston Esq. of Dartmouth | 95 " |
| Hon. Levi Foster Esq. of Watertown | 90 " |
| Col. John Wade Esq. of Charlestown | 88 " |
| Col. John Wade Esq. of Roxbury | 61 " |
| John Dwyer Esq. of Concord | 65 " |
| Samuel Hoar Esq. of Concord | 24 " |
| Hon. William Austin Esq. of Charlestown | 28 " |
| Hon. John Abbott Esq. of Westford | 27 " |
| Nathan Chandler Esq. of Lexington | 4 " |

Town affairs

1. To choose a moderator for said meeting. Made choice of John Torians Esq.
2. To consider and act on the unfinished business of last March Meeting refer'd to April Meeting, viz. the method the town will proceed in respecting the collection of taxes, and to hear the report of a Committee appointed on that subject, & appoint a Treasurer collector, & also respecting the support of the poor.

The Committee on the subject of taxes reported as follows, viz.

That in their opinion, it will be for the benefit of the town to raise money to defray the ordinary charges thereof, in the month of May annually, and that the taxes be assessed in June & lists be of committed unto the collector by the first of July following, & collected by three instalments or payments, viz. all single poll taxes and one third part of all other taxes, to be paid on or before the first Monday of October, one third part on or before the first Monday of February, and the remainder on or before the first Monday of May following, and all non-resident taxes shall be collected by the first Monday of February. & taxes assessed on doubtful persons may be collected in due course of law, and it shall be the duty of the collector to deliver to each person named in his list a bill of the amount of his taxes at least thirty days before the first Monday of October the time of the first payment, and to post up, Notification of the times, and place he will attend to receive the same in manner as above mentioned, at least ten days previous thereto, and if any person

shall refuse or neglect to pay his taxes agreeable to these foregoing regulations, at said time or within ten days after, it shall be the duty of the collector to make immediate distress on all persons refusing or neglecting for the whole of such persons taxes remaining due, unless ordered otherwise by the assessor, and if the collector shall neglect to make a distress as aforesaid, he shall be accountable to the Treasurer for said tax, and the collector shall pay in to the Treasurer all money being collected at the times above mentioned as soon as made, & shall complete and make up an account of the whole in contained in his list in one year from the date thereof.

The Town Voted to accept the foregoing report.

They then made choice of John Bacon for Town Clerk for the ensuing year, who was sworn into office and also made choice of Jonathan Lane for collector for the ensuing year, who was sworn into office, and to have \$24.00 for said service, and to give bonds for the faithful performance thereof. They then took up the ^{subject} of the support of a poor, Voted that the Overseers pay no more for John Storer, so long as he supports himself, his wife, in all other respects, but not to exceed the sum of \$28 per year, and that they furnish relief to all others who are not now on the town, & it may hereafter need assistance, and that they give notice that they will receive sealed proposals or tenders for the support of all paupers, now wholly maintained by the town, (stating the number in said notice) free from any other expense to the town whatever for or against the ensuing year, and that the person who takes them for support as above is to take all others ^{when notified} that may through themselves on the town ^{wholly} for support at the same ratio. They are to have for week for those that have now supported by the town, and support them also during said term, free of any other expense whatever to the town.

3. To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year, Voted the sum of \$400.00 and appointed Rev. Samuel Stearns Joshua Stager, Nathaniel Hayward, Amos Harbottle, William Page, & Elad Pollard a Committee to inspect the schools the ensuing year.
4. To know in what method the town will take to keep the school house in repair the ensuing year, Voted to dismiss the article.
5. To appoint a Committee in trust for the stage fund in 1824, & the year ensuing, William Walker, Dea. Hovey & Dea. Hovey & Dea. Hovey were appointed for the purpose.
6. To know if the town will abolish their annual September Meetings and transact the ordinary business thereof at their annual May Meetings and direct when the taxes shall be made or as meeting respecting it they may think best, Voted to abolish their September meetings as stated in the article, and directed that the taxes be made in the month of June annually.
7. To know if the town will, upon the request of the inhabitants of the center school district, build a new school house in said district, or repair the present house & procure a new stove sufficient to warm the house suitably for a school, or do any thing respecting the subject the town may think best.

172 April Meeting 1828. Continued

The town appointed a Committee to wit Joshua Page, Oliver H. Lane, Levi Wilson, John Kennerly & Nathaniel Hayward, to take the subject into consideration, respecting what is best to be done for the present in regard to the school house, & the stove inside house, and if any repairs, what is best, for the present, ^{which} is not for the interest of the town in some future time not far distant, to build a new story house, the lower ^{floor} of which for a school house, and the upper room for a town hall, to accommodate the town for transacting any business, and dispose of the old school house, and report to the town the next at next May Meeting.

8 To know if the town will take any measure to procure an engine or do anything respecting it they may think best, the town appointed Lincoln Blodgett, Dea. Amariah Preston and Levi Wilson to take the subject into consideration & report to the town at next May Meeting.

9 To know if the town will purchase a piece of land near the bridge road, near Chesters corner, or called, for the use of digging gravel for repairing roads, or do anything respecting it they may think best, the town appointed the Selectmen to attend to the subject & report to the town at next May meeting.

10 To know if the town will pay a bounty for the heads of crows, caught and killed within the limits of the town, the ensuing year.

Voted in the affirmative, viz. to pay 20 cents for 6 to 10 cent for young crows heads caught & killed agreeably to the article.

11 To know if the town will permit rabbits to be killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year. Voted in the Negative.

The Towns Committee, for the purpose, sold the school house in the South school district, to be moved of the spot by the first day of September next, reserving the privilege of keeping a school in the same the coming summer.

To Morrison Bacon Esq for the sum of \$300.00

1823 Nov. The Committee appointed to build a school house in the South District received the aforesaid sum of eighty dollars of S. Bacon & paid the same to

Joshua Page in front for the new house in said district

Recorded by William Webber & others

May Meeting 1823.

Le. S. Middlesex Co. To John Bacon a Constable, the Town of
Bedford in said County

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn every male citizen of twenty one years of age & upward, (except paupers & persons under Guardianship,) who shall reside in the Commonwealth one year, & within the town six calendar months next preceding, & who shall have paid by himself, parent, Master or Guardian any State or County tax, which shall within two years next preceding have been assessed upon him, in any town or district in this Commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation, and in all other respects qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the Center School house in said Town on Monday the fifth day of May next at two of the clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court ^{appearing} to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

And you are also required to summon & Notify the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to wit: such as have arrived to the age of twenty one years, & resided in said town for the space of one year next preceding (except paupers) & during said term have been taxed for their poll or any estate in any tax voted to be raised by the town, to meet ~~at~~ on the day & at the place above mentioned at three of the clock P. M. to act on the following articles: Viz.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said Meeting.

2. To act on the unfinished business of April Meeting & refer to May meeting.

3. To receive & to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

4. To know in what method the town will provide the New School House & firewood the present year.

5. To know if the town will accept of a list of names as on all over by the Selectmen.

6. To know if the town will give in the Chalmers Road (as called) so far as it is laid over land in the town of Bedford & agreeably to an order of the Court of Sessions & raise money for the purpose or do any thing respecting it the town may think best.

7. To know if the town will have some person to ring the meeting house bell at noon & at nine o'clock at night the ensuing year.

Carried over

May meeting brot over for 1823.

Ad. Johnson of the town will repair the Common Ground near the meeting house or do any thing respecting it the town may think best.

He of fair not, and make return of this warrant with, and bring the on us to one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting given under our hand & seal at Bedford aforesaid this twenty first day of April A.D. 1823.

William McLeer

Deuben Bacon

Mathew Hayward

{ Selectmen

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town, as therein specified, by putting a copy of the same in the Meeting house to meet at Antinus & place therein & for the purpose there is now laid

Bedford April 26th 1823.

John Bacon Constable.

May 5th 1823. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants met, and acted on the article therein contained, as follows, viz. 1st To choose a Representative, the being brought in counted & voted then for William McLeer 54 votes, and was chosen.

Town affairs

1st Ad. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting, made choice of John Merriam & 2nd To act on the unfinished business of said Meeting before to May meeting, first respecting the repair of the Center School house, the Committee appointed on the subject reported as follows, that they are of opinion that it is not best for the town to build a new house at present, but to repair the present house, making the windows & doors tight, putting suitable locks on the doors, also a new funnel to the stove, & place it in a different direction. That the Selectmen provide a room for the Singers to hold their meetings in at the expense of the town. No person is to be allowed to go into the School house on Sabbath days at noon without the consent of the district, the Selectmen to appoint some person to keep the keys, to open & close the doors, at all town and religious meetings, and sweep the house after every town meeting, at the expense of the town.

Joshua Page

John Merriam

Levi Wilson

Mathew Hayward

{ Committee

The town accepted the foregoing report, and appointed a Committee to repair said house accordingly. viz. Jos. Amos & Deuben Bacon.

The continued article respecting procuring an Engine. The Committee appointed on the subject reported as follows, viz. that in their opinion all things considered that it is not expedient for the town to procure an

Continuation of my meeting 1823.
an Engine of power, but was recommended, that the Town appoint a
Committee, to draw a subscription paper stating the expense of an Engine
will be \$400 which being divided into twenty shares of twenty dollars
each, and when the shares are all subscribed for, the Committee report to the
Selectmen, who shall be authorized to take further order thereon, but if the
shares shall not all be subscribed for before the next Town Meeting a report
of the same is then to be made, that the Town may then do as they may
think best.

Per Order

Lincoln Blodgett Chairman

The Town accepted the foregoing report, and appointed Lincoln Blodgett
Dor. Amos Benton, & Levi Wilson, to carry the same into effect.

The continued article respecting purchasing a piece of land near the
Grave board, by a better corner, for gravel, the Committee appointed
on that subject, report that it is inexpedient to purchase in land
which was accepted by the Town.

3rd. To raise Money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

Voted the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose.

4 To know what method the Town will take to procure the necessary
firewood the ensuing year. Voted the usual method and
appointed the Selectmen a Committee for the purpose.

5 To know if the Town will accept a list of jurors as made out by
the Selectmen, the Town accepted said list without being read.

6 To know if the Town will open the Chelmsford Road, vacated, &c
for as it is laid over land in the Town of Bedford, agreeable to an
order of the Court of Sessions, and raise money for the purpose
or do any thing respecting it the Town may think best. Voted
that the Selectmen, together with Joshua Page, John Meriam &c
be a Committee to open said Road, when ever they shall think
it meet for the interest of the Town, and to borrow money on the
Town's credit to defray the expense thereof.

7 to know if the Town will hire some person to ring the Meeting house
Bell at noon & 8 o'clock or night the ensuing year.

Voted in the affirmative, except ringing at nine at night.

8 To know if the Town will repair the Common ground near the
Meeting house, or do any thing respecting it they may think best.

The Town appointed Elijah Stearns Esq. Cap. Joel Ditch, Dea Michael
Cusby, John Meriam & Timothy Jones, a Committee to in-
vite the ~~people~~ inhabitants in their several wards, to repair said
Common, free of expense to the Town, for labour, and that the
Committee furnish those that do the work with some spirit or
the expense of the Town.

Recorded by William Miller Town Clerk

1817
Recorded by William Page on the 25th of the Septemb, on the sea leading
from Bedford to Lexington, about 60 yds off with, olive & Purple skin
also a pair of Lamb's ... in ... also the
streams ...

Bedford April 25th 1817.

Bedford June 21st 1819

Taken up on the Highway, by Jeremiah L. Reed, and strayed
a dark red cow, supposed to be ten years old, left ear cropped -

Recorded by William Webster Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov. 16th 1822.

Taken up by David Reed in his enclosure, and strayed, a small light
red heifer, supposed to be two years old, East Spring. -

Recorded by William Webster Town Clerk

Strayed ... 1823, by William ... in his enclosure, and
strayed a black cow, with a white face supposed to be ... years old

Recorded William Webster Town Clerk

Bedford Octry 1823,

Taken up, and strayed by Jeremiah Hutchinson a span of horses
one a light red gray Bay, with white hind feet, & square dark, about
twelve years old. The other a dark gray with three white feet, stripe down
the face, & square dark, about twelve years old.

Bedford May 21st 1825

Recorded by William Webster Town Clerk

May 5th 1823.

The Selectmen appointed Jere Robinson Sexton for the year ending the let out the ringing the Bell as usual one Sabbath day. Reading Lectures are taking at funerals also to wash the boards & pulpit stairs one in the year. To sweep the house Meeting house, six times below and three times above, after which times to dust the seats & coverings to cover the desk with a cloth when unoccupied, clear the stove from the door steps to the outside of the railing &c. &c.

to Benjamin Bacon & for the term of \$84.00 per year. Also put the care of the Center School house, to keep the keys, to unlock & unlatch the door for Town Religious Meetings & to sweep the house after every ~~meeting~~ Town Meeting, & it to have for said service two dollars. To Jeremia Page Paid — — — — — \$32.00

September 1823.

The Selectmen sold the old timber at Canute bridge, as follows
Viz. To Job Lane, sundry lots for — — — — — \$4.30

Levi Wilson several lots for paid in a settlement & 2.00
for repairing the Meeting house. — — — — —

Eliab B Lane for — — — — — 1.12

Paid by deducting from timber lot of him —

Oreuben Bacon sundry lots — — — — — \$2.60

Honor Stearns several lots for — — — — — \$3.75

Paid by deducting from timber lot of him —

Bedford May 5th 1823. The Selectmen let out the Poor of said town for support for one year, from the 13th day of May, 1823, Viz. Elizabeth Hatch, widow, Ellice Meriam, Jonas Meriam, Mary Ann Meriam, Mrs. Pres. Jonathan Moor, & Violet a Negro woman, to Nathaniel Parker of Canute, who offered to take them, agreeably to publick Notice for the sum of three hundred dollars, (being the lowest proposal brought in,) for the term of one year, and agrees to support them with good and sufficient, diet, lodging, & cloathing, suitable for their various circumstances, to return their cloathing in as good repair and condition as they are when he receives them, to furnish medical aide if necessary, and if any should die during said term to give them a decent burial, for the said sum of three hundred dollars, free from any other expence whatever to the town. he also agrees to take all others that may fall on the town, for support wholly, when notified, and to support them in like manner, from the time he receives them, untill the 13th day of May 1824.

can do over

at the same ratio for week each, that the first class amount to, for each
person, all which is to be performed under the inspection and to the satis-
faction of the selectmen. In order to define in some measure what the sel-
ectmen shall consider satisfactory, with regards to their diet, they are to
be provided with a sufficiency of good & wholesome food, with tea or coffee twice
in each day, if they choose, with sweetening, Cleanly & comfortable lodging, &
reasonable medical aid, in case of sickness, & other things to make them
comfortable, as their condition may require, (though not particularly
ised in the foregoing minutes, or in the preceding page).

David & the said Nathaniel Parker, hereby agree, that if it do fail to
fulfill the foregoing conditions, through neglect, and it shall be
fully made to appear, that it will forfeit the foregoing sum of
three hundred dollars, or such part thereof as may be due to me at
any time when through neglect I shall fail to fulfill the foregoing
conditions, so as to make it necessary that the poor as above should be
removed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twelfth
day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

Nathaniel Parker. Seal

Jan^y 28th 1823. The underscriber Received of Joseph Parkhurst sixty six
dollars and seven ten cents, being a reimbursement in part for money
laid out and expended by the Town of Bedford for the support of Helen
Parkhurst, Son of said Joseph, which sum has been laid out & expended
for the use of said Town in the manner following. Viz.

April 8th 1823. Paid the Overseers of Poor of Billerica for support
of Miss Russell, a pauper - - - - - \$ 27.42.

Paid the Overseers of Poor of West Cambridge for Sewell Hadley's
funeral charges - - - - - \$ 11.75

Oct^r 1823. Paid Doctor Sewell of Stone for Doctoring Dorcas
Moor, a pauper. - - - - - \$ 10.00

January 6th 1824 Paid Abel Green for making a pine of Board
and widening the Bridge, near John Fitcher, in part \$ 17.00
\$ 66.17

William Webber, one of the Selectmen.

Middlesex ss: To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford

Seal
You are required in the Name of the ^{in said town} Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to notify and warn, (by posting a copy of this warrant in the meet-
ing house) all the freeholders & other taxable inhabitants of said
Town, viz, every male citizen of twentyone years of age & upwards
except paupers and persons under Guardianship, and who shall have
resided within the Commonwealth one year, & within the ward town & its
collender months next preceding, (the meeting hereinafter named
and who shall have paid by himself, himself, or Guardian any
State or County tax, which shall within two years next preceding such
meeting have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this Com-
monwealth, and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from
taxation & in all other respects qualified as a town meeting, to meet
at the Center School house in, said town, on Monday the first day of
March next, at one of the Clock P. M. to consider and act on the follow-
ing articles, viz,

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Art. 2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

3 To choose all Town officers for the ensuing year.

4 To raise money for the repair of high ways & bridges the year ensuing.

5 To know in what method the town will repair the high ways & bridges
the ensuing year.

6 To know if the town will restrain their cattle & horses from going
at large the year ensuing, under the direction of the law.

7 To know in what method the town will collect the taxes the ensuing year.

8 To know what method the town will adopt for the support of their poor the ensu-
ing year.

9 Upon the request of Thompson Bacon, to know if the town will open a
dune way, through the lane way at the east end of his meadow, or
near the place where one has been usually filled up.

10 To know if the town will make any alteration in the distribution
of the school money, or do any thing concerning the same.

And if fail not and make returns of the warrant with your doings
thereunto one of the selectmen, by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twentieth day of
Feb. AD 1824,

Thompson Bacon } Selectmen
Mather Hayward }

Middlesex ss Feb. 21st 1824

Pursuant to the within warrant & have notified & warned the
inhabitants of the town as there is provided by posting a copy
of the warrant in the meeting house to assemble at the
time & place & for the purposes therein expressed John Bacon Const

March 2^d 1824. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants to meet, and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz.

1st To choose a moderator for said meeting, made choice of John Meriam &

2^d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year
The votes being first sorted & counted, there were for John Thayer
Six of Concord Ninety votes.

3^d To choose all Town officers for the ensuing year, viz.

Town Clerk, William Webber } Field driven

sworn into office

Silas Dudley, Oliver Williams

Selectmen, William Webber

Reuben Bacon, & Nathaniel Hayward

sworn into office as Selectmen

and, as Assessors

Solomon Harrington, Roger Lane

Abner L. Reed, William Page

sworn into office

James Reeves, Eliah to Lane

Obed Pollard, sworn into office.

Town Treasurer, John Bacon

sworn into office

Sealer of weights & measures

Joshua Page, sworn into office

Constables, John Bacon &

David Fitch, sworn into office.

Surveyors of Lumber, James

Blodgett, Joshua Page, sworn into office.

Collector, David Fitch

sworn into office, and is to

have \$18.00 for the same &

to give bond with sureties

for the faithful performance

of said duty, & collect the whole

sum committed to him in one

year, on penalty of the forfeiture of

the whole sum for collection.

Pound keeper, John Bacon.

sworn into office.

Justingman, Francis Wilson

James Lane, Obed Pollard

sworn into office.

Hogreever, William Gooding &

Isaiah Gardner, & Joel Sprague &

William Everett & Luther Eaton &

Elbridge Bacon, Elbridge Meriam

Abner L. Reed, & Abner L. Reed

sworn into office.

Cellars of Staves & hoops

Silas Dudley, David Reed

sworn into office.

4th To raise money to repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year

5th To know in what method the town will repair the highways & bridges

the ensuing year. Voted to refer the two preceding articles to

next April meeting, and appointed, Elijah Stearns, Lincoln Stearns

John Webber, John Meriam & Nathaniel Hayward, a Committee to take

the subjects in to consideration, & report at said meeting, also

refer the appointment of surveyors of highways to said meeting

- 1st Art. To know if the town will refrain that cattle & horses from going at large, on the high ways & common lands within the limits of the town the ensuing year, under the regulations of the law. Voted in the affirmative.
- 2^d To know in what method the town will collect the taxes, the ensuing year. Voted, that the same as the last year, c^d 1st Page of this Book.
- 3^d To know what method the town will adopt for the support of the Poor the ensuing year. Voted that the overseen of Poor make out a list of persons, being paupers, as they may think expedient to have supported by contract and valid if proposed for the support of the same, at the lowest price so much in head, during the year, and that said overseen decide upon the eligibility of the undertaker, leaving it to the discretion of said overseen respecting the support of all paupers, notwithstanding.
- Also voted that the Overseen pay Leander Harmer \$17.00 for House & Shop rent for the coming year, for the use of John Harmer & family, in case he the said John supports himself & family otherwise.
- 4th Upon the request of Thompson Bacon, to know if the town will give a Placeway through the causeway at the east end of his Meadow, at or near the place where one has been recently filled up.
- The town appointed William Webber, Dea, Michael Greeley & John Stearns Es. to view the same, & report at next April meeting.
- 10 To know if the town will make any alteration in the distribution of the School money, or do any thing concerning the same.
- Voted to post pone said article indifferently.

Recorded by William Webber Sec. Clerk.

The selectmen & to get Auction the old Ching's lot came of the Meeting house to ~~John and Page for 200.00~~ ~~also lot of broken boards to Silas Dingle~~ ~~8.00~~ ~~1.00~~

Middlesex Bedford March 25 1824

William Webber, Overseen & members of the town & selectmen of said town. Came before me, and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of said office respecting all Elections and the returns thereof.

Elijah Stearns Justice of Peace.

April 1824

L.S. Middlesex To David Fitch a Constable of the Town of Bedford
you are required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
to Notify and warn, by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house
in said Bedford all the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of
said town viz every male citizen of twenty one years of age & upwards
(except paupers & persons under guardianship) and who shall ^{have} resided
within the Commonwealth one year & within said town six calendar
months next preceding the meeting to be holden by virtue of this warrant
and who shall have paid, by himself, Tenant, master or guardian ~~any~~
any State or County Tax, which shall within two years next pre-
ceding such meeting have been assessed upon him in any town or
district in this Commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall
be by law exempted from taxation, and in all other respects qual-
ified as above mentioned. To meet at the center school house in
said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at two
O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators
~~and~~ ~~Councillors~~ for said Commonwealth, and also for Senators
and Councillors for the County of Middlesex the ensuing year
 - 2^d To choose a moderator to preside for the transacting town affairs,
 - 3^d To consider & act on the unfinished business of last March
meeting viz respecting raising money, & the mode of repairing
the highways, & also to appoint surveyors of highways, & to
hear and act upon the report of a Committee respecting the
Bridges near the dam entry, so called.
 - 4th To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year
and appoint a school Committee.
 - 5th To appoint a Committee in trust for the Page fund in Bedford
the ensuing year.
 - 6th To know if the town will give a bounty on Crowe heads caught
and killed within the limits of the town the ensuing year
 - 7th Upon the request of Honer Wheeler, to know if the town will
open a broad or bridle way from the road leading to Millica
to his house, or do anything respecting it they may think best.
- And if fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing
thereunto one of the selectmen by the time of said meeting.
Given under our hands and seal this 22^d day
of March A.D. 1824.

William Wheeler } selectmen
Amos Bacon }
Nathan Hayward }

Bedford March 27th 1824

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified & warned
the freeholders & other voteable inhabitants of said town
to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within
mentioned.

David Fitch. } Constable

April 5. 1824 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the votable inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the articles therein contained, viz,
1st To bring in their votes for a Governor & Lieut. Governor for the Commonwealth,
and Senators & counselors for the County of Middlesex,
the votes being first in counted & sorted, there were for
Governor, his Excellency William Austin Esq of Roxbury — 48 votes
Hon. Samuel Lathrop Esq of West Springfield — 35 votes
For Lieut. Governor, Marcus Morton Esq of Taunton — 80 votes
Richard Sullivan Esq of Brookline — 35 votes

Senators & Counselors

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Levi Thaxter Esq of Watertown | — — — — — | 48 votes |
| John Fayer Esq of Concord | — — — — — | 48 votes |
| John Wade Esq of Woburn | — — — — — | 48 votes |
| John Bonoules Esq of Charlestown | — — — — — | 48 votes |
| William W. Thutter of East Cambridge | — — — — — | 48 votes |
| Abiel Hayward Esq of Concord | — — — — — | 35 votes |
| Edmund Parker Esq of Needham | — — — — — | 35 votes |
| William Williard Esq of Cambridge | — — — — — | 35 votes |
| William Blanchard Esq of Wilmington | — — — — — | 35 votes |
| Cyrus Baldwin Esq of Chelmsford | — — — — — | 35 votes |
| Jonathan Chandler Esq of Lexington | — — — — — | 35 votes |

2^d To choose a Moderator for to preside in transacting Town affairs.
John Meriam Esq chosen Moderator

3^d To reconsider and act on the unfinished business of last month, meeting
viz expecting raising money and the mode of repairing the highways,
and also to appoint Surveyors of highways, and to hear and act upon
the report of the Committee, respecting the bridge near the dark entry
so called. The Committee on the subject reported as follows. viz. That it will be for the benefit of the town
in their opinion to let out the care & repair of the Carville
Bridge for the term of 3 years viz. for the plank & plank
company who will undertake it the lowest & give security
for the faithful performance to the satisfaction of the Selectmen
for the time being, to be paid therefor annually.
also the repair of the Middlesex road bridge to the Stone Bridge in bed
or a ramp for the term of three years to the lowest bidder, who is to give
security to keep the road in good repair, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen
for the time being, and to be paid annually. They recommend that the
town appoint a Committee to carry the foregoing into effect, and report
thereon to the town at next May meeting, at which time
they recommend to the town to raise money for the purpose.
also that the town raise the sum of \$250 dollars for the repair of the
residue of the highways & bridges in the town the ensuing year, and
that no account be allowed for extra work on roads or bridges, other
than casualties excepted, unless by the special direction of the
Selectmen for the time being.

188 And that the East High way district shall extend from Millerica line to Lexington line of the Eastern road, and that Wm. Webster, Nathl. Page, Zeba French, Richard Palmer, Daniel Heltan & Joseph Page, with their Polls & estates, be added to said district.

And lastly, that there be but one Surveyor on the line from the Stone Bridge in Cedar Swamp to the guide board near Daze Heltan and that Thompson Bacon Esq. & Eldridge Meriam be added to said district.

Elijah Stearns, John Webber }
John Meriam Simons & Stearns } Committee
& Nathl. Hayward.

April 15th 1824

The Town accepted the foregoing report, and appointed John Meriam, William Webber & Elijah Stearns, a Committee to let out the repair of said Bridge & Road, as in the report mentioned.

Surveyors of highways

Elijah Stearns sworn
Capt Joel Smith
Heresiah Hestehimen
Abel Green sworn
Roger Lane sworn

Timothy Jones
Charles Davis sworn
John Webber sworn
Elijah Bacon sworn

The Committee to whom was referred the request of Thompson Bacon ~~request~~ requesting that the Sluiceway, recently filled up at the east end of his meadow, near the dock entry, be altered, report that it is unnecessary to have two Sluiceways through said canal way, that the one now open is fully sufficient and in the ^{best} ~~right~~ place to take the water of said Bacoons meadow, and recommend, that Benjamin Simonds Jr. clear out the ditch in his meadow opposite the present Bridge.

William Webber pro order

April 5th 1824

The Town accepted the foregoing report.

4th To raise money for the support of schools the ensuing year, and appoint a School Committee, voted the sum of \$450.00

Committee. Rev Samuel Stearns Chairman
Capt Timothy Page }
Simons Stearns } Simon Blodgett
John Meriam Esq
Timothy Jones

5th To appoint a Committee in trust for the Page fund in Bedford the ensuing year, made choice of William Webber, Dea Moses Smith and Dea Michael Crosby, for said purpose.

6. To know if the town will give a bounty for crows killed, and killed, within the limits of the town, the ensuing year.
Voted in the affirmative over 20 cents for old, and 10 cents for young ^{hens} heads

4 upon the request of Abner Wheeler, to know if the town will open a road or bridge way from the road leading to Billerica to his house or any thing respecting it they may think best. Voted that the selectmen be a committee to view the same and report to the town at next meeting.

The town accepted the annual report of the School Committee, and appointed a special committee to regulate the books used in the schools, as expressed in said report, viz. Rev Samuel Stearns, Simeon Stearns, Elijah Shelden, Benjamin Lincoln, Jr & Nathaniel Hayward attested and Recorded by William Webber & Clerk

May 4th 1824

The Committee appointed by the town at their Meeting 1824, for let at Auction the repair of Carhile Bridge for five years, to Thomas Page of Carhile, for the sum of \$21,000 per year, to be paid annually. Said Page is to keep the plank in good repair, during the whole of said term & is to put ^{new} plank on said bridge less than three inches thick, is to leave the plank on said bridge at the expiration in good repair, the plank sound & whole, for safe travelling, and if any damage is sustained by any person through his neglect by reason of bad plank, he to pay all such damage.

Also the repair of the road from Carhile Bridge to the Stone Bridge in Cedar Swamp for the term of three years, to said Thomas Page, for the sum of \$42,000 per year, to be paid annually. Said Page is to carry on one hundred loads, of gravel, suitable for four oxen to haul on the cartway by the mill low trees, & a low place a little East of said trees, and fifty loads ^{of good gravel} between the Stone Bridge & the next wooden bridge, ~~and~~ fifty loads of good gravel on the residue of said road, when it needs it more. all said gravel is to be carried on the road by the twentieth day of June the present year, is to attend to said road once every month, to fill up holes, ruts, &c. so as to render the passage easy during said term of three years, also to leave it in good repair at the end of said term. and said Page is to give bond with sureties for the faithful performance, as above mentioned, all which is to be done to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, for the time being.

John Meriam &
William Webber &
Elijah Stearns
Committee

March 1st 1824 The Selectmen sold at auction the Shingles that were taken of the meeting house, on one lot to David Page — — — — — \$2.10

Also one lot Board &c. Elias Dudley — — — — — 1.45 25
March 6 to Larkin French Jr. & Shingles — — — — — 2.00

May 4th 1824. The Selectmen let Sunday paupers for, support viz.
Jonathan, Hoar, & Miss. Poff. to Thomas Page for \$1.00 one dollar per week
each for the term of one year from the 18th of the present month. if they or
either of them should live so long, free from any other expense whatever
except if they or either of them should die within said term, in that case
the town to pay funeral charges.

Also Alice Merriam to George Pierce for \$0.83, eighty three cents per
week for the term of one year from the 18th of the present month if she should live so
long, free from any other expense, on her account.

Also Elizabeth Fitch to Dea. Moses Fitch for \$0.67, sixty seven cents
per week for the term of one year from 18th of the present month, if she should live
so long, free of all other expense, on her account.

And also Violet a woman of colour, to wid Lydia Bower for \$0.80
eighty cents per week for one year from 18th of the present month if she should
live so long, free of all other expense.

May 5th 1824. The Selectmen let out at auction, the ringing of the
Bell and care of the Meeting house & block &c. for one year to Thomas
Hurd for \$34.00 viz. to ring the Bell on Sundays, Lectures &c. as
usually practiced, and at 12 O'clock every day, Sundays excepted
to toll the Bell at funerals, when required, to keep the Nails on the
bolts through the axle turned down when needed, to take care of and
regulate the clock, by the Meridian line, drawn in the Meeting house
to show the Meeting house within below & thus time above, viz. the
poles, on the East of the wheel preceding Communion days and
with the seats & railings of the pews & desk, after sweeping, to cover the
desk cushions while sweeping, the pew cushions to be turned bottom
upwards in the mean time, to open the windows, usually open
in warm weather, when the bell is rung ^{and shut them up} the first time, to wash
the sills on the lower floor, pulpit stairs & floor once or more during
said term, to clear the snow from each door to the outside of the
port, in front of the house, and cut away the ice at the door
or doors ~~and~~ when necessary, &c. &c.

Also let the bellor under the Meeting house for one year to Benjamin
W. Shaw for \$2.10.

Also appointed Jesse Robinson Sexton, for one year

L.S. Middlelent Jr. To John Bacon a Constable of the town of Bedford
in said County greeting

In the Name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required
to summon & Notify the freeholders & other able inhabitants of
said town, viz., every male citizen of twenty one years of age & upward
(except paupers & persons under Guardianship) and who shall have
resided within the commonwealth one year, and within said town six
calendar months, next preceding, and shall paid by himself, himself
Master, or Guardian, any State or County tax, which shall within two
years ^{next preceding} have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this common-
wealth; and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from
taxation, and in all other respects qualified as above mentioned, to meet
at the Center School house in said town on Wednesday the fifth
day of May next, at three O'clock P.M. to consider & act on the
following articles, viz.,

1st To choose a Representative to represent them in the General
Court to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of
May next.

2^d To choose a Moderator for the riding of the business in this case.

3^d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

4th To know in what manner the town will procure the firewood for the
Rev. Samuel Stearns, the ensuing year. —

5th To hear and act on the report of a Committee, appointed to take into
consideration & view the Road petitioned for by Abner Wheeler.

6th To know if the town will procure a machine for the use of repairing
the highways, or do any thing respecting it they may think best.

7th Upon the request of John Reed, to know if the town will set the
wall on the North side of the Road, below his house, or do any thing
respecting it the same.

And if said not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon, unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this Nineteenth day of
April AD 1824.

William Webber, } Selectmen
Charles Bacon }
Master Hayward.

Bedford April 24th 1824, Pursuant to the within warrant, I have
Notified the inhabitants of this town of Bedford as there is expressed
to meet at the town's place for the purposes mentioned.

John Bacon Constable.

May 8th 1824. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of
said town, met and acted on the Article contained therein.
as follows, viz:

- Art. 1. To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court,
to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.
The town made choice of William Webber, for that purpose.
- Art. 2. To choose a moderator for the residue of the business in this warrant
appointed John Meriam, Moderator
- Art. 3. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing
year. Voted the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose.
- Art. 4. To know in what method the town will procure the fire wood for
the Oves & Samuel Stearns, the ensuing year.
Voted that the selectmen purchase fire wood ~~at~~ in the usual manner
- Art. 5. To hear and act on the report of a Committee appointed ~~to~~ to take
into consideration & view the Road petitioned for by Abner Wheeler.
The Town re-committed the subject to the same Committee for
further consideration, & to report at next November meeting.
- Art. 6. To know if the town will procure a machine for the use of repairing
the high ways, or do any thing respecting it they may think best.
Voted in the affirmative, viz: to procure one similar to one used
on the Turnpikes, & appointed Dea. Michael Crosby a Committee
to carry the same into effect.
- Art. 7. Upon the request of John Sweet, to know if the town will set
the wall on the North side of the Road, below his house, or do
any thing respecting the same.
The town appointed, Jerusha Page, Joseph Brown, & John Webber
a Committee, to view and report thereon, to the town at next
November Meeting.
- The Town Voted the sum of \$64.00 to be raised, on the
inhabitants of said town, to defray the expense of keeping
in repair the Canfield Bridge, and Road, as set at auction
by the direction of the town, by their Committee.

Attest
Recorded by William Webber T. Clerk.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Concord and Bedford met by appointment and perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between said Towns, to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, according to law.

Town of Bedford this
9th day of June AD 1824.

Jonathan Hilditch } on the part of
Cyrus Hubbard. } Concord

Master Hayward } on the part
Ebenzer Hayward } of Bedford

Nov. 3 1824 This day the subscribers perambulated the lines, and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Bedford & Burlington, to the satisfaction of the parties

Chubbs Bacon } for Bedford

John Webber }
Daniel W. Paine } for Burlington
Jacob Munro. — }

Nov. 8th 1824 This day the subscribers perambulated the lines, and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Billerica & Bedford, to the satisfaction of the parties

Marshall Porter } for Billerica
Jeremiah Crosby }

Reuben Bacon } for Bedford
John Webber }

Nov. 4th 1824, This day, the subscribers, Perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Bedford & Lincoln, to the satisfaction of the parties

Master Hayward } for Bedford
Shaddern Davis }

Stephen Patch } for Lincoln
Eugene Stone }

Sept. 22^d 1825. This may certify, that the lines between the Town of Lexington & Bedford were this day Perambulated and the bounds renewed to the satisfaction of the parties.

Buryn Reed } on the part
Hathorn Chandler } of Lexington

Wm Webber } on the part
John Webber } of Bedford

Nov. Meeting 1824.

(Read) Middelux Jr. To David Fitch a Constable of the Town
of Bedford, in said County. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to Summon & Notify the inhabitants of said
Town, duly qualified to vote for Representatives to the General
Court of this Commonwealth, (by posting a copy of this
warrant in the Meeting house in said town eight days at
least before the Meeting hereinafter Mentioned) To assemble
at the Center School House in Bedford, on Monday the first
day of November Next, at one O'clock, P. M. for the
following purposes viz.

- 1st To bring in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice
President of the United States, qualified according to the Const-
itution thereof whose Names shall all be born on one ticket,
either written or printed and such ticket shall contain the
Name of at least one inhabitant of each of the several districts
into which the Commonwealth is at present divided for the
choice of Representatives in Congress, and against the Name
of each person on such ticket, the district in which he resides
shall be designated.
- 2^d To give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress
of the United States, for the Middelux district.
- 3^d To know if it be the mind of the town to make any further
waiting in the Road from Chelmsford through this town
to Lexington, or do any thing respecting Roads they may
think best.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon in to one of the Selectmen by the
time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands, in said Bedford this 18th of Oct 1824.

William Webber } Selectmen
Theben Bacon }
Nathan Hayward,

Bedford Oct. 25th 1824

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified and
warned the freeholders & other Votable inhabitants of
said town, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes
within mentioned.

David Fitch Constable,

Nov. 1st 1824, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Vocalable inhabitants of said Town met, and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows.
 1st To give in their votes for fifteen Electors, of President & Vice President of the United States. The votes being brought in, counted, sorted & declaration thereof made, there were for
 Electors at large.

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| Hon William Gray 61 Votes | } Harnden district | |
| Hon Levi Lincoln 61. do. | | |
| Hon William Baylies 21. do. | | |
| Hon William Creed 21. do. | | |
| Suffolk district | | |
| Hon Thomas L. Winthrop 61. do. | } Essex South | |
| Hon Samuel Hubbard 21. do. | | |
| Essex South | | |
| Hon Nathl. Silsbee 61. do. | } Essex North | |
| William Sutton Esq 21. do. | | |
| Essex North | | |
| Doc. Joseph Kittredge 61. do. | } Middlesex | |
| David Howe Esq 21. do. | | |
| Middlesex | | |
| Augustus Tower Es 61. do. | } Worcester North | |
| Hon Edmund Foster 21. do. | | |
| Worcester North | | |
| Col. Edmund Cushing 61. do. | } Worcester South | |
| Hon. Solomon Strong 21. do. | | |
| Worcester South | | |
| Gen. Jonathan Davis 61. do. | } Franklin | |
| Doc. Daniel Thurber 21. do. | | |
| Franklin | | |
| Oliver Smith Es 61. do. | } Barnstable | |
| Gen Samuel Torier 21. do. | | |

2^{ly} To bring in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district, the votes were for.
 Hon. John Hayes of Concord 44 votes
 Edward Everett of Cambridge 35 votes

3^{ly} To know if it be the mind of the town to make any further straitening in the Road from Chelmsford through this town to Lexington or do any thing respecting roads they may think best.

John Merriam Chosen Moderator. continued on next page

Town Meeting continued

The town appointed the Selectmen a Committee to attend to said Road, and make such further straightnings as they may think necessary, & attend to any further movements respecting said Road, and report to the town at the town Meeting. or if necessary, to call a meeting for the purpose, at any time.

The Town, also Appointed the Selectmen a Committee, to view a piece of Road Near Levi Williams leading from Bridford to Billerica, respecting the expediency of straightning or widening said Road, & report to the town at next March Meeting.

The continued article respecting a Road or way to Abner Wheelers Lane, the Selectmen, who at a former town Meeting, ^{were} directed to attend the subject, on the 29th of October 1824 laid out a Road or way, from the East Road leading from Bridford to Billerica Beginning at said Road, by a stone wall a little North of the Pohl's house so called. Now owned by Joseph Hill thence running Easterly ~~and~~ ^{land of said} by said wall over land of said Joseph Hill to Abner Wheelers Land. being 48 rods, said Road or way is laid out one rod and a half wide, and the said wall is the southerly bound of said Road, they also awarded said Joseph Hill fifty five dollars as damages for said Road, the said Abner is to make and keep in repair said Road free of any expense to the town except his highway taxes.

William Webber
 Merben Bacon } Selectmen
 Nathan Harvard }

The town accepted the foregoing report and Road as described and laid out, by said Selectmen.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk

The Selectmen sold sundry articles of wearing apparel, of a stranger who said his name was. Chaffin, who died at Hurd & Colburns Tavern, for the sum of \$4.24

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This may certify, that Mr. William Page of Bedford, has joined
the Religious Society in Lexington, called the Congregational
Society.

Nathaniel Mulliken Town Clerk

Lexington April 27th - 1829.

I hereby certify, that Francis B. Goodridge of the Town of
Bedford, is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of
Roxbury, called the Universalist Society in Roxbury. Dated
this County Record day of April AD 1829

Jas Pringle Clerk of said Society

Orders drawn on M. Hooper Irish Treasurer
 June 17, 1803 to Thad. Fitch for care & board of
 Abigail Johnson; in full to 2 days of May + 7 00
 July 21 to Mr. Alice Abbot for boarding wid Goodell
 Eight weeks at 4/11 per week in full to 2 of May + 7 88
 4 to Thad. Fitch for supporting wid Goodell in full to 2 of May + 3 00
 11 to the Rev. M. Stearns for & by reason of a mis-
 take in his salary for the year 1803 — + 10 00
 August 22 to Wm. Merriam in part for his services + 5 00
 22 to Oliver Thad. Fitch for supporting the
 wid. Goodell in part to this date — + 4 00
 Sept. 5 to Wm. Maxwell for five rods of wall
 on St. Spragues land — + 9 16
 5 to St. Bowers for supporting Allie Negro to
 this date in full — + 10 57
 5 to Bradley Bowers on Thad. Fitch's acc-
 unt for supporting up wid Goodell to this date + 4 00
 5 to Samuel Sage for plank to the Carlisle road + 1 50
 6 to Samuel Lane 2: for boarding the school mistress + 8 00
 October 10 to Jeremiah Fitch for supporting
 Allie Jack from March to May, meeting — + 5 00
 20 to Thad. Fitch in part for M. Goodell + 5 00
 Nov. 3 to John Reed junr for boarding and pre-
 paring the school mistress for eight weeks + 13 34
 10 to Lucy Porter for teaching school 8 weeks + 7 34
 10 to William Porter for boarding the school mis-
 tress 8 weeks — + 8 00
 10 to Col. Jones for boarding the school mistress + 8 00
 10 to St. Sprague for paying the school mistress + 7 24
 10 to David Fitch junr for work at the
 bridge near Capt. webbers — + 14 00
 10 to Thad. Fitch for boarding Miss
 Goodell in full to the 1st of Jan. — + 4 00
 10 to Oliver Reed; for supporting & cloth-
 ing Polly Bacon to the 5 of Sept 1803 + 11 00
 10 to Pitta — for clothing to Allie — + 2 25
 21 to Benj. Bacon for one pair of cotton cloth
 to Benj. Danforth — + 1 00
 21 to Nathl. Wyman in part for support-
 ing Abigail Johnson to this date — + 8 00
 21 to Capt. Goodbridge for work at the East + 15 50
 21 to Capt. Page for work & timber at by bridge 18 33
 21 to James Wilson junr for the abatement of
 negro tax for the year 1802 — + 2 00
 December 5 to Bradley Bowers for work at the Carlisle + 6 75
 6 to Solomon Bacon, in part for supporting Elizabeth
 Abbot, in her last sickness — + 3 00
 6 to Thad. Fitch in part for wid Goodell's support + 1 50
 9 to Rebecca Merriam for teaching school 8 weeks
 and boarding for self — + 15 34
 15 to Col. Jones for work at the Carlisle Road — + 8 16

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| Orders drawn on Mr. Moses Hitch treasurer | | |
| December 17, 1803. to Mr. Thad. Fitch for supper | | |
| and the wid. Goodell in full to the 19 in plant | | |
| and also 90 for work at the Carlisle road | 45 | 00 |
| 17 to Bradley Bowen for work at the Carlisle road | 4 | 50 |
| 17 to Joseph A. Willington for work at the Carlisle road | 1 | 80 |
| 30 to Solomon Bacon for the support of Miss Rob | | |
| bertson in part | 9 | 45 |
| 31 to Mrs. Chamberlin for work at the Carlisle road | 9 | 03 |
| January 2, 1804 to John Reed of B. for the a | | |
| batement of several persons taxes for 1802 | 16 | 90 |
| 2 to Mr. John Reed of B. for his services as collector | | |
| for the year 1802 - 823 - 00 - and one Poll | | |
| as it being over cast to him in his list | 24 | 00 |
| 2 to Mr. Moses Hitch for shoes to Benj. Partridge | 1 | 83 |
| 2 to John Lane for the abatement of his Poll tax | 1 | 00 |
| 12 to Mr. Oliver Pollard for work at the Carlisle bridge | 2 | 81 |
| and 4 Pollard for mending the window in meeting | 6 | 00 |
| 13 to Mr. Samuel Flint for teaching School 8 weeks | 32 | 00 |
| 13 to Mr. Nathan Merriam for teaching School 8 weeks | 32 | 00 |
| 13 to Mr. Wm. Sage for boarding the School master 8 weeks | 10 | 67 |
| 13 to Mr. Jonathan Lane for boarding the School master 8 weeks | 12 | 00 |
| 13 to Mr. Jonas Gleason for plank to the Carlisle bridge | 13 | 26 |
| 13 to Mr. Nathl. Brown for work at the Carlisle bridge | 3 | 25 |
| February 13. to Thad. Fitch for boarding the | | |
| wid. Goodell in part | 2 | 50 |
| 13 Ditto to Thad. Fitch in full for supper | | |
| and wid. Goodell to this date | 4 | 50 |
| 20 to Mr. Solomon Lane for work on the new road | 1 | 10 |
| 20 to Mr. Stephen Thurston for work on the new road | 00 | 60 |
| 20 to Mr. Stephen Lane for one cord of wood to the School | 3 | 33 |
| 20 to Mr. Samuel Lane for one cord of wood to the School | 3 | 33 |
| 20 to Josiah Hill for paying the School on 1st of Feb | 6 | 67 |
| 20 Ditto - for cords of wood to Mr. Stearns | 15 | 00 |
| 20 to Dr. Prester for attending to the towns poor | 6 | 67 |
| 20 to Jonas Gleason for one cord of wood to the School | 3 | 62 |
| 20 to Mr. Solomon Lane for one cord of wood to the School | 3 | 75 |
| March 12 to Jos. Heald for teaching the | | |
| South School 8 weeks | 24 | 00 |
| 2 to Reuben Mead for boarding the School master 8 wks | | |
| and finding 2 and one half cords of wood | 21 | 59 |
| 2 to Thad. Fitch for supporting Miss Goodell in | | |
| full to the fifth instant | 1 | 97 |
| 2 to David Fitch for one cord of wood to the School | | |
| and 1/2 cord to the School house 10 squares | 4 | 81 |
| 2 to Mr. William Webster for his services as an assessor | | |
| 12 days and 90 for extra services | 44 | 00 |
| 2 to Wm. Merriam for his services as Town Clerk | 18 | 00 |
| 5 to Joseph A. Willington for boarding the wid. Heald | 12 | 50 |
| in full to this date | | |
| 14 to Mr. Abbot for carrying Penn. Burial in part | 20 | 00 |
| 14 Ditto in part | 12 | 79 |
| 14 Ditto in part | 3 | 33 |
| 14 Ditto in part | 10 | 00 |

Oliver drawn on M. Moses Fitch Treasurer.
March 1st to Capt. Abbot in full for supporting Benj.
to the fifth instant ————— X 17 50
19 to Merriam merriam for teaching School 8 weeks X 32 00
19 to St. Sprague for boarding the school in after 8 weeks X 12 00
19 to Mr. Chamberlin for the telegrams expenses at his
house & committee in the year 1803 ————— X 5 80
19 to Nathl. Brown for 13 cord of wood to the Rev. Mr. Allen
and to the school — 8c ————— X 48 50
19 to Stephen Lane for four cord of wood to Mr. Seavens — X 15 00
19 to St. Sprague for 5 square of glass — X 00 50
19 to Timothy Page for shoes to Abi. Johnson — X 2 00
19 to Mr. Samuel Lane & 2 for supporting Dorcas
Bacon to the fifth of March last ————— X 12 50
23 to John Page for glass set in the South School house
and for bringing up half an hundred of powder — X 3 10
30 to Thad. Fitch for supporting the wid. Goodell
in part to this date ————— X 3 00
April 2 — to Thad. Fitch in full for supporting
the wid. Goodell to this date ————— X 1 00
2 to Mr. Jeremiah Fitch
2 to Mr. Asa Mead for supporting Alley & Bacon a
child of Ellogg Bacon — and clothing ————— X 10 89
2 to Samuel Lane & 2 for supporting Dorcas Bacon
a child of Ellogg Bacon in full to this date — X 12 00
2 to Capt. Abbot in full for supporting Benj. Danforth & 2
2 to Mr. Mead for care of the meeting house & 2
2 to Nathaniel Wapman for boarding Abigail John
2 to Nathl. Fitch in part to this date X 14 00
2 Ditto to Dr. in full to the 5 of March last — X 22 00
9 to Mr. Chamberlin for two bills — X 1 50
9 to Mr. Webber for boarding A. Johnson to
the 22 day of March last in full ————— 2 80
9 to Capt. Webber for a boat to the meeting — X 0 50
9 to Jeremiah Fitch for supporting Alice in
in part to this date ————— X 22 50
9 to J. F. Ditto in full to March 5 — X 19 70
23 to Moses Fitch for his service as Town Treasurer 1803 X 9 00
23 to Moses Fitch for one journey to Boston &
several other services for the town — X 2 70
23 to Mr. Merriam for one journey to Boston X 01 50
May 7 to Mr. Maxwell for supporting Benj.
Danforth in full to this date ————— X 5 00
14 to Oliver Beebe for his service as an assessor
six days and an half in the last year — X 6 50
15 to St. Brown for supporting the wid. Hartwell
etc in part to this date ————— X 7 00
28 to Thad. Fitch in full for supporting Alice
to the seventh instant ————— X 4 50
28 to Joseph S. Huntington in full for support
ing the widow Hartwell to April meeting — X 5 30

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| 20 | to Mr. Davis drawn on Wm. Notes Dutch treat | 3 | 75 |
| May 28. 1804 to Dean Thos Davis for money | | | |
| prayed at Gam bridge for preaching | | | |
| to the wid. Rebekah Dean for supporting Abigail | | | |
| Johnson in part to this date | | x 7 | 00 |
| 15 to the select mague for teaching school in | | | |
| the middle of the town | 7 week, | + 14 | 00 |
| 20 to Bradley Bowers for supporting the wid | | | |
| Hartwell in part to this date | | + 5 | 00 |
| July 2 to John Keedy for money paid to | | | |
| the Wm. Merriam to Judge Sullivan | | | |
| 20 to Wm. Maxwell for supporting Benja | | + 3 | 00 |
| Danforth to this date in part | | | |
| 20 Ditto to W. Maxwell in part | | + 4 | 00 |
| August 6 to St. Bowers for supporting the | | | |
| widow Hartwell in full to this date | | + 9 | 00 |
| Sept 3 to William Maxwell in part | | | |
| for supporting Benja Danforth | | + 4 | 00 |
| 3 to Bradley Bowers in full for sup | | + 3 | 50 |
| porting the widow Hartwell in full | | | |
| October 5 to the wid. Rebekah Dean for sup | | | |
| porting Abigail Johnson in part to this date | | x 6 | 47 |
| 10 to Miss Rebekah Dean for supporting | | | |
| Abigail Johnson in full to Sept 12 | | x 05 | 70 |
| October 22 to Dean Davis for attending to | | | |
| Allie in her last sickness and finding a | | | |
| death and carrying her out in | | + 5 | 00 |
| 22 to Wm. William Weber for attention to | | | |
| Allie in her last sickness | | + 1 | 50 |
| 22 to Wm. Merriam for supporting Allie in her last | | | |
| sickness in full with what he hath had | | + 6 | 62 |
| 22 to Wm. Merriam in part for his services as above | | + 4 | 50 |
| Nov. 5 to Miss Sally Jones for teaching a ch | | | |
| ool & boarding herself in full | | + 11 | 00 |
| 5 to John Merriam for boarding school mistress | | + 8 | 00 |
| 5 to John Webster for boarding the school mistress | | + 8 | 00 |
| 5 to Miss Dutch for boarding the school mistress | | + 8 | 00 |
| 5 to Eliab Lane for work done at the school | | | |
| house | | + 1 | 42 |
| 5 to St. Bowers for the expenses of the militia | | | |
| at Chelmsford at the last muster | | + 14 | 15 |
| 5 to Miss Parker for attending old Allie in full | | + 5 | 00 |
| 5 to Wm. Maxwell in full for support | | | |
| ing Benja Danforth to this date | | + 11 | 00 |
| 22 to Saml. Field for digging grave for Allie | | + 1 | 50 |
| January 5. 1805 to Timothy Page for shoes | | | |
| to Abigail Johnson | | + 1 | 41 |
| 17 to John Keedy for supporting the wid. G | | + 4 | 59 |
| well & clothing found to the 1st instant | | | |
| 17 to John Keedy for the maintenance of a | | | |
| school | | | |
| Capt. and Lieut. 2.06 Daniel Dutch 2.97 | | + 7 | 09 |
| 17 to William Maxwell for supporting Benja | | | |
| Danforth in part to this date | | + 8 | 31 |

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| Wile's drawn up. Moses Smith tea &c | |
| Truly 12 to Mr. Maxwell for boarding Mr. Danforth in part to this date | |
| 18 to John Hecox for his services as collector of taxes for the year 1803 | 4 00 |
| 18 to Thomas Dean for supporting the school Johnson in part to this date | 25 00 |
| 18 Ditto | 5 00 |
| 18 Ditto | 3 16 |
| 18 Ditto | 18 37 |
| 18 Ditto in full to the 4 of March 1804 | 2 00 |
| 18 to John Webber for supporting the Benj. Danforth | 2 48 |
| 18 to Capt. Moses Abbott for cloth for small clothes to Benj. Danforth | 1 75 |
| 18 to Capt. Ebenezer Clark for taking care of slice and the funeral &c | 10 00 |
| 18 to Mr. Oliver Adams for blue coffin | 2 00 |
| March 1804 to Mr. William Webber in part for his services as a teacher &c the last year | 2 22 |
| P. Ditto in part | 7 30 |
| P. Ditto in full | 5 15 |
| P. to Dean Thad. Davis for his services as an assessor the last year & for money paid at Cambridge for preaching | 13 73 |
| P. to Mr. Benj. Bacon for cotton linen cloth for shirts to Benj. Danforth | 4 12 |
| P. to John Webber for work done for Benj. Danforth | 1 52 |
| P. to Timothy Jones for work at the Carlisle road | 1 00 |
| P. to St. Bradley Bower for work at the Carlisle road | 1 00 |
| P. to Mr. Chamberlain in part for supporting the selectmen and committees & work at the highway | 9 86 |
| P. to Ditto in full | 2 78 |
| P. to Mr. Chamberlain for work at Carlisle road | 1 20 |
| P. Capt. E. Clark for tax and 3 of oak wood | 10 78 |
| P. to Mr. Brown for tax and 3 of wood to Mr. Leavins | 14 67 |
| P. to Mr. Preston for attending the towns poor the last year | 7 22 |
| P. in full | 10 22 |
| P. to Mr. Page for boarding the school master eight weeks | 14 00 |
| P. to Timothy Jones for boarding the school master and wage to the school &c | 19 22 |
| P. to Elijah Putnam for boarding Polley Bacon and clothing | 14 67 |
| P. to Mr. Aaron Blodgett for 4 cords of wood to Mr. Leavins | 14 38 |
| P. to Mr. Elijah Putnam for 4 cords of wood to Mr. Leavins | 14 38 |
| P. to Mr. Aaron Blodgett for supporting the aged Harwell last week the sum of | 5 66 |
| P. to William Maxwell for boarding Mr. E. B. Danforth | |
| at in part to this date | 3 00 |
| P. to Mr. Moses Smith for his services as treasurer | 9 00 |
| P. to Mr. John Hecox for supporting the aged Harwell | |
| in part full to the fourth of March 1804 | 8 16 |

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| 24 | Articles drawn by Mr. Moses Fitch for | 18 | 00 |
| | March 10, 1805. Mr. Merriam in part for | | |
| | his services as town clerk and assessor the | | |
| | last year | | |
| 1 | To Mr. Merriam - Ditto | 7 | 50 |
| 1 | Ditto in full | 3 | 50 |
| 7 | To Mr. Benjamin Hutchinson for 1/4 cord of wood for the town | 14 | 67 |
| | Mr. Means | | |
| 7 | To Mr. Daniel Davis for 2 cords of wood for the town Mr. Samuel Stearns | 17 | 17 |
| 7 | To Mr. Stephen Lane for 1 cord of wood for the North school | 3 | 98 |
| 7 | To Samuel Lane for 1/4 cord of wood for the North school | 1 | 91 |
| 7 | To Sampson Spaulding for one cord of wood for the west school | 3 | 92 |
| 7 | To Mr. John Merriam for one cord of wood for the North school | 3 | 92 |
| 7 | To Mr. Jonas Gleason for one cord of wood for the east school | 3 | 93 |
| 7 | To Mr. John Reed for one cord of wood for the east school | 3 | 83 |
| 7 | To Mr. Aba Mead for boarding a school Master 8 weeks | 14 | 00 |
| 7 | To Mr. Stephen Lane for supporting the wid. Hartwell | | |
| | to the 4 th of March 1805. in full | 31 | 16 |
| 14 | To Mr. Maxwell for support of Mr. Danforth in part | 9 | 00 |
| 18 | To Mr. Simon Stearns for boarding (Clothing) & Nursing | | |
| | Doreus Bacon to this date in full | 30 | 00 |
| | Doreus Bacon for his services as Constable | 1 | 00 |
| 18 | To Mr. Samuel Lane for his services as Constable | 14 | 00 |
| 18 | To Mr. Moses Fitch for boarding a school Master 8 weeks | 14 | 00 |
| 18 | To Elijah Stearns Esq. for cloaths for a book bag | 00 | 66 |
| 24 | To Phadocus Fitch in part for support of Benjamin Danforth | 3 | 50 |
| April 1 st | To John Reed for support of Mr. Gadwall | | |
| | weeks to third date & for warming one Town Meeting | 5 | 83 |
| 1 | To David Lane for work at the Carlisle bridge | 9 | 00 |
| 1 | To Elijah Stearns for work at the Carlisle bridge | 2 | 60 |
| 1 | To John Sprague for work at the Carlisle bridge | 1 | 30 |
| 1 | To Aba Wadler for Ditto | 0 | 50 |
| 1 | To Almond Fitch for Ditto | 2 | 00 |
| 1 | To Phadocus Fitch for support of Benjamin Danforth to | | |
| | the first of April | 3 | 50 |
| 1 | To Eleazer Fitch for sweeping the Meeting House | 2 | 69 |
| 3 | To Mr. Porter for 1/2 cord of wood at the east school | 7 | 00 |
| 8 | To Mr. Maxwell for support of Benjamin Danforth | 5 | 00 |
| 8 | To Ditto for Ditto | 5 | 00 |
| 8 | To Ditto for Ditto | 6 | 00 |
| 8 | To Mr. Maxwell for support of Benjamin Danforth | | |
| | in full to the 4 th day of March 1805 | 6 | 00 |
| 22 | To Phadocus Fitch for the support of Benjamin | 2 | 95 |
| | Danforth and also Mr. Gadwall to the 4 th of April | 2 | 50 |
| May 6 th | To Mr. Oliver Pollard to purchase plank | 18 | |
| | for Carlisle bridge | | |

24th Order Drawn of Mr. Mose Fitch Treasurer 25
 May 14th 1807 to Mr. Shaddens Fitch for the support of Benjamin
 Danforth up to the 28 of April 2 weeks x 2-66
 21st to Mr. Shaddens Fitch for support of Benjamin
 Danforth up to the 12th of May 2-weeks x 2-83
 29 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale 2-33
 June 3 to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson x 5-17
 13 to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson
 in full to the third day of June x 10-00
 14 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale x 1-04
 18 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale in full to 17th June 3-40
 17 to Mr. Oliver Pollard for plank for outside budget 1-33
 24th to A. Bradley Bowers for support of Benjamin
 Danforth in full to the 21st of June six weeks x 8-40
 August 9 to St. B. Bowers for support of Ben^d Danforth
 in full to the 9th of July x 2-89
 9 to Mr. Shaddens Fitch for support of Ben^d Danforth
 to July the 30th in full x 4-25
 18 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale to July 22nd -6 04
 26 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale to Aug 5th x 2-42
 to Ditto — for Ditto to August — 12th 1-20
 29 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale to 26th August 2-42
 September 4 to Mr. Shaddens Fitch for support
 of Benjamin Danforth in full to 19 August x 4-25
 17 to Mr. Shaddens Fitch for his share poll taxes x 3-07
 October 12 1807 To St. B. Bowers for support
 of Benjamin Danforth in full to Sep. 30th x 8-40
 November 2nd to Shaddens Fitch for B. Dan^d x 2-00
 2nd to Shaddens Fitch for support of Ben^d Danforth
 in full to the 4 day of December x 5-08
 5 to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson x 17-84
 5 to Thomas Dean for Ditto in full to the 4th Dec^r x 7-81
 19 to Miss Hannah B. for teaching school 8 weeks x 8-07
 27 to Dr. Wm. Merriam for boarding school May 1st
 eight weeks x 9-83
 30 to Shaddens Fitch for support of Mr. Goodale to Sep. 23rd & back x 4-96
 December 6th to Elijah Stearns Esqr for 1/2 1/2 Green x 1-30
 13 to John Wilber for alterations of taxes x 8-10
 viz John B. Wilber Poll. Matthew Shutter. Shutter.
 John Larue. Saml. Poll. Ebenezer Clarke Esqr. C. Horie of
 Jonathan Smith Highway & Capt. Ebenezer Clarke
 Personal Estate

Order

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| December 13 1802 | to Mr Jeremiah Fitch for building five rods of stone wall on St John Sprague land which H ^{rs} Maxwell undertook to build | +9 | 16 |
| 13 | to St Bradley Bowers for support of Benjamin Danforth to the 4 th of December | +6 | 0 |
| 13 | to Bradley Bowers for work at the Carlisle road | +2 | 46 |
| 18 | to Humphrey Bacon for his services as an Overseer in part | +2 | 38 |
| 19 | to John Fitch for support of B. Danforth to December 11 th | +1 | 4 |
| 28 | to Lucy Porter for 8 weeks tuition in the South school district | +2 | 67 |
| 31 st | to John Webber for his services as collector for 1 year 1802 | +28 | 00 |
| 31 | to Shadock Fitch for a pair of shoes for Berys Danforth | +4 | 25 |
| January 13 1803 | to Lucy Porter for 8 weeks tuition | +8 | 67 |
| February 14 | to Thomas Deane for support of Higail | +6 | 33 |
| 14 | to Ditto | +5 | 00 |
| 14 | to Ditto for support of Higail Johnson to February the 14 th in full, fourteen weeks | +8 | 00 |
| 14 | to Elihu Stearns Esq for repairing the wheel house | +0 | 82 |
| 17 | to Elisha Sprague for 8 weeks tuition in the Middle District & also for 8 weeks board | +22 | 50 |
| 17 | to Sally Maynard for 8 weeks tuition, to the District | +8 | 17 |
| 17 | to John Webber for boarding school Middle District | +9 | 33 |
| 17 | to Aaron Maynard for board, school, Middle District | +1 | 33 |
| 17 | to Capt Sam. Lane for boarding school Middle District | +9 | 33 |
| 17 | to Phineas Chamberlain for livery at the College Road | +3 | 36 |
| 17 | to Phineas Chamberlain for the Electrons Expense at his home | +2 | 81 |
| 17 | to Ditto for work at the highway & care of digging | +1 | 50 |
| 17 | to Linnetty Page for a pair of shoes for H. Johnson | +1 | 46 |
| 17 | to Dr Amariah Dwyer for attending the same | +1 | 90 |
| 17 | to Nathaniel Brown for the hammer & winch to repair the Carlisle bridge | +5 | 00 |
| 17 | to Nathaniel Brown for 3 cord wood for the same | +1 | 75 |
| 19 | to John Reed Esq for extra work on the Carlisle road | +5 | 57 |
| 19 | to Cleaver Davis for work on the Carlisle road | +3 | 67 |
| 19 | to Solomon Lane for work on the Carlisle road | +0 | 76 |
| 19 | to Jeremiah Fitch for work on the Carlisle road | +0 | 80 |
| 19 | to Stephen Thwaites for work on the Carlisle road | +5 | 82 |
| 19 | to Stephen Lane for sand on the Carlisle road | +0 | 93 |
| 19 | to John Page for work on the New highway bridge | +4 | 00 |
| 19 | to Nathl Page Esq for work on the New highway bridge | +2 | 00 |
| 19 | to Ira Webber for work on the New highway bridge | +2 | 00 |
| 19 | to Finnetty Thwaites for work on the New highway bridge | +1 | 58 |
| 19 | to Roger Reed for work on the New highway bridge | +1 | 50 |
| 19 | to Solomon Lane for work on the New highway bridge | +1 | 50 |
| 19 | to Amari Blodgett for work on the New highway bridge | +5 | 00 |
| 19 | to Elisha Putnam for work on the New highway bridge | +5 | 50 |
| 19 | to Simon Stearns for work on the New highway bridge | +9 | 40 |
| 19 | to Josiah Hill for one cord of wood for the school | +4 | 00 |

February

Orders

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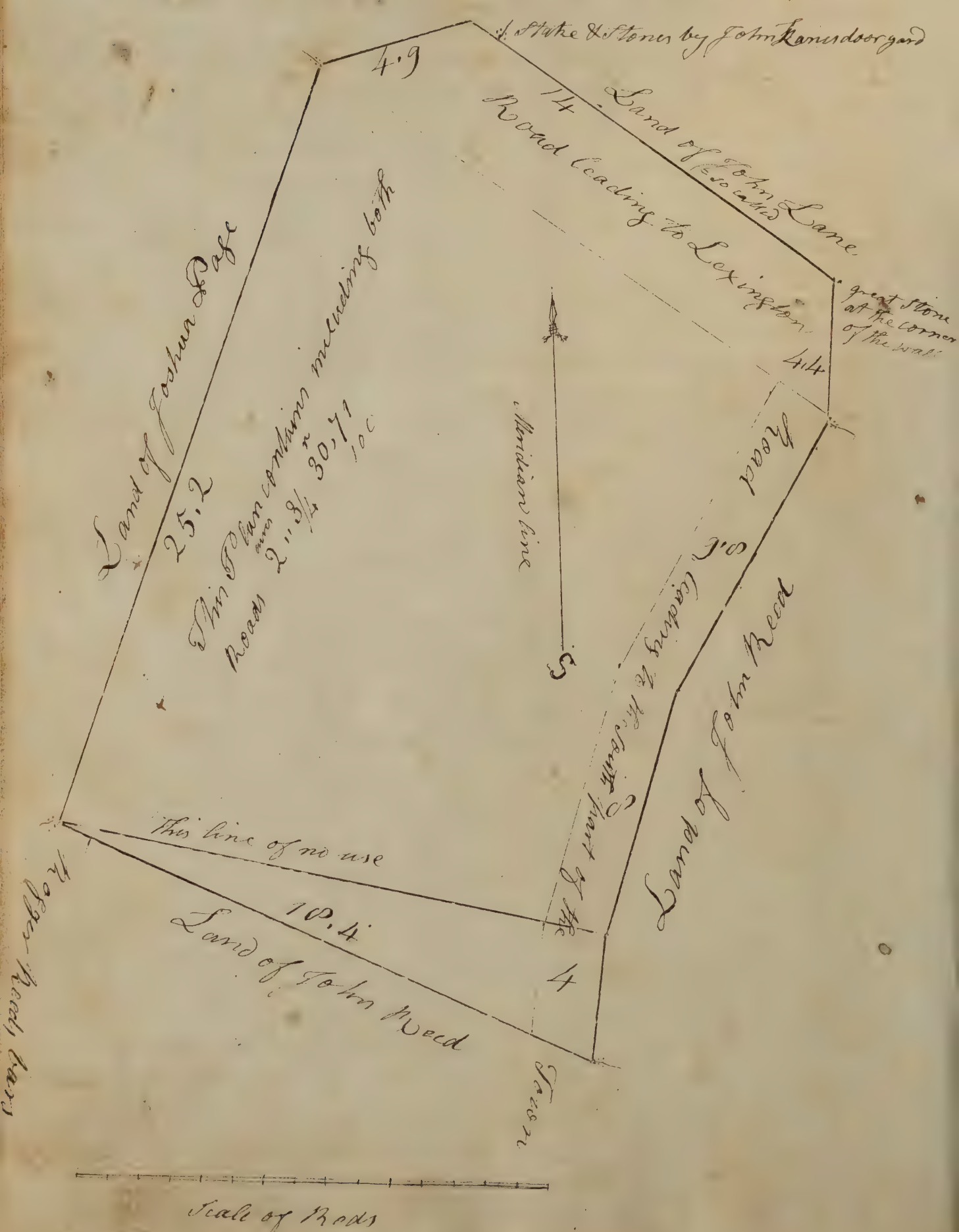
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| 19 To Capt. M ^r Goodridge for 2 cord wood for school | 7-66 |
| 19 To St. Merrens Hayward for 2 cord wood for school | 7-24 |
| 19 To Thompson, Bacon for 1 cord of wood for school | 3-84 |
| 19 To Timothy Jones for 1 cord of wood for school | 3-66 |
| 20 To J ^r H ^o H ^o Lane for work on the New Highway bridge | 22-83 |
| 20 To Elijah Philborn for wood for Mr. Stearns | 7-00 |
| 20 To Daniel Davis for wood for the School and for the Mr. Stearns | 8-38 |
| 27 To Capt. David Breed in part for work on the New Highway bridge | 9-75 |
| 28 To Thomas Bacon for his services as an appraiser | 11-00 |
| 28 To Thompson, Bacon for service as an overseer of Ben | 8-13 |
| 28 To Moses Fitch for his services as treasurer | 9-50 |
| 28 To Nathaniel Brown for supporting Benjamin's family from January 31 st to February 20 th | 11-27 |
| 28 To Nathaniel Brown for 3 cord wood for William | 12-00 |
| 28 To Solomon Lane for supporting William Hartwell | 24-00 |
| 28 To Solomon Lane for Ditto | 3-80 |
| 28 To Solomon Lane for Ditto | 6-00 |
| 28 To Solomon Lane for Ditto | 10-00 |
| 28 To Solomon Lane in full for supporting Mary Hartwell to the 30 th of October | 11-24 |
| 28 To Nathaniel Brown for work on Carlisle bridge | 18-54 |
| 28 To Oliver Pollard for work on Carlisle bridge | 25-50 |
| 28 To Stephen Lane for work on Carlisle bridge | 9-00 |
| 28 To Jesse Philborn for work on Carlisle bridge | 1-00 |
| 28 To James Stearns for supporting William Hartwell in full to the 3 rd day of March 18 th | 26-58 |
| 28 To Thaddeus Fitch for support of Benjamin Fitch | 2-67 |
| 28 To Ditto | 2-67 |
| 28 To Ditto | 2-67 |
| 28 To Thaddeus Fitch for support of Benjamin | 10-49 |
| 28 To Thaddeus Fitch in full to March 3 rd | 8-08 |
| 28 To Bradley Powers for supporting Benjamin | 2-33 |
| 28 To Timothy Jones for 2 cord wood for school & marring one Town Meeting | 2-33 |
| 28 To Capt. David Breed for work on the New Highway bridge & for his services as an appraiser | 27-62 |
| March 1 st 1866 To Capt. David Breed in full for his services as an appraiser and as an Overseer of Ben | 7-10 |
| 1 To W ^m Webber for his services as an appraiser in part | 20-00 |
| 1 To Ditto | 4-25 |
| 1 To Ditto | 3-00 |
| 1 To W ^m Webber in full for his services as an appraiser and for his services as Clerk | 5-91 |

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| 208 | Order | | |
| March 1 st 1806 | to Elijah Putnam for work on the Carlisle bridge and warming one town (Meeting) — | + 3 | 50 |
| 3 | to John Lee 3 rd for 3 cords of wood for M ^r Stearns — | + 11 | 75 |
| 4 | to St Mather Hayward for wood for M ^r Stearns — | + 7 | 00 |
| 4 | to Ditto for — Ditto — | + 7 | 00 |
| 11 | to St Mather Hayward in full for 6 cords for the M ^r Stearns — | + 9 | 25 |
| 4 | to Samuel Lane for timber for Carlisle bridge in full — | + 11 | 67 |
| 20 | to Asa Webber for 8 weeks tuition in the South school — | 36 | 00 |
| 20 | to Asa Webber for boarding school Master 8 weeks & sitting up in the school house — | + 16 | 50 |
| April 7 | to Dr Thos Davis for his Minister taxes — | + 3 | 75 |
| 7 | to Bradley Bowen for boarding school Master 8 wks — | + 12 | 00 |
| 7 | to Thos Fitch for support of M ^r Danforth 2 wks — | + 2 | 50 |
| 7 | to Livin Pope for 16 weeks tuition in school — | + 60 | 00 |
| 7 | to Saml Lane for repairing the school house — | + 1 | 50 |
| 9 | to Wm Goodrich for 1 cord of wood to the school — | + 1 | 83 |
| 9 | to Benja Bacon for 1 cord wood for the school — | + 3 | 67 |
| 9 | to John Webber for boarding school Master 8 weeks — | + 16 | 00 |
| May 6 | to Dr M. Fitch for boarding school Master 8 weeks — | + 16 | 00 |
| 6 | to Capt Ebenezer Clark for one cord of wood for school — | + 3 | 81 |
| 6 | to Thos Fitch for support of Benja Lane to 31 st March — | + 2 | 50 |
| 7 | to Thos Fitch for support of Benja Danforth to 28 April — | + 5 | 00 |
| 5 | to Benjamin Bacon for the Abatement of his taxes committed to John Webber collector for the year 1804 — | + 2 | 46 |
| 17 | to John Lane for Repairing the South school House finding materials — | + 4 | 56 |
| 17 | to John Lane for Shanting the house and making the gate finding timber — | + 10 | 19 |
| June 24 | to Asa Webber a collector for money the selectmen had of him to pay the expenses for the support of Josiah Davis copying on the suit against the Thos Davis — | + 36 | 00 |
| 24 | to Josiah Wilber for work at the South school — | + 2 | 00 |
| 24 | to Thos Fitch for support of Benja Lane — | + 4 | 00 |
| 24 | to Thos Fitch Ditto to the 23 of June in full — | + 7 | 75 |
| July 7 | to Thos Fitch for support of M ^r Danforth to July 7 th — | + 2 | 50 |
| 7 | to Eliab Lane for work on the Carlisle bridge — | + 3 | 00 |
| 8 | to Capt C. Page for a great coat one prepared one y ^d 1/2 Barge for Benja Danforth — | + 6 | 75 |
| 8 | to Simeon Stearns in full for repairing M ^r Stearns — | + 1 | 21 |
| to March 3 rd 1806 — | | | |
| 15 | to Asa Webber for cash the selectmen had of him to pay the expenses of M ^r Josiah Davis support at Danforth — | + 20 | 00 |

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| 209 | Craders | 209 |
| July 17 th 1806 | to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson in part | X 5 00 |
| 17 to Ditto | | X 6 41 |
| 17 to Ditto for Ditto in full to July 11 th | | X 15 00 |
| 21 st to Thad. Smith for support of Benj. Danforth to July 21 st | | X 2 50 |
| August 20 th to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson in full to the 15 th of August | | X 6 25 |
| 22 nd to Samuel Thad for digging a grave for Mrs Goodale | | X 1 50 |
| Sept ^r 1 to John Need a late collector for the Abatement of Capt David Woodard's taxes | | |
| For the year 1803 | | |
| 2 to Thad. Smith for support of Benj. Danforth to August | | X 35 00 |
| October 10 th to Asa Webber for Money drawn from him as collector for the support of Josiah Davis | | X 18 66 |
| 10 to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson and for her funeral charges in full to this date | | X 16 00 |
| 10 to Simon Smith for support of Mrs Goodale and for the expenses for her funeral in full to this date | | X 38 50 |
| 11 to Thomas Dean for support of Abigail Johnson in full to this date | | X 1 25 |
| 11 to Thad. Smith for support of B. Danforth | | X 4 00 |
| 14 to Thad. Smith for support of B. Danforth in full to get 3 rd Octob ^r | | X 6 00 |
| 21 st to Asa Webber a collector for Money to purchase plank for the repair the Car. Bridge | | X 7 20 |
| December 17 th to Asa Webber was a collector for money to pay the support of Mary Hartwell at Charlestown with William Hartwell in full to this date | | X 50 00 |
| 18 to Wm. Holber in part for his services in a number of cases | | X 9 00 |
| 22 to Thad. Smith for support of B. Danforth to December 10 th | | X 2 00 |
| December 1 st to Lucy Porter for 8 weeks board in the school in the Middle of the Town | | X 10 00 |
| 1 to Ditto for Ditto in the East school | | X 10 00 |
| 1 to Sally Lang for 8 weeks board in the school in the East | | X 7 35 |
| 1 to John Holber for 8 weeks board in the school in the East | | X 9 00 |
| 1 to Wm. Holber for 8 weeks board in the school in the East | | X 4 00 |
| 1 to Mr. Bush for Ditto in full | | X 4 00 |
| 1 to John Holber for board in the school in the East | | X 5 00 |
| 1 to John Holber for board in the school in the East | | X 5 00 |
| 1 to C. and L. Smith for board in the school in the East | | X 5 00 |
| 1 to John Holber for board in the school in the East | | X 5 00 |
| 1 to John Holber for board in the school in the East | | X 5 00 |
| 12 to Wm. Holber a collector for cash for support of the | | X 6 00 |
| 12 to Asa Webber for board in the school in the East | | X 9 00 |
| 18 to Thad. Smith for support of Benj. Danforth | | X 6 00 |
| for 17 th to December 20 th | | |

Plan of the common Land on which
 the Meetinghouse stands taken agreeably to a
 vote of the Town at Nov^r Meeting 1806
 Surveyed Dec^r 4th 1806 by Thompson, Mason
 by a scale of 4 Rods to 1st Inch

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 John Webb
 David Reed



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December 18th 1806 to Asa Webber a collector for the
shewment of Charles Clarke Town, State & County taxes for
the year 1805 \$4-89 - for William T. Hingham Poll tax
for 1805 \$0-31 - for Matthew Shuttlesworth Minister tax for 1805
\$0-07 - for Joseph Hannell Poll tax for 1805 \$2-59 and
for Sherman Dover highway tax on the Almshouse on
the Thompson farm set 1805 \$10-48 X 18-31
January 2^d 1807 to James Pittman Dr for Necessary
Expenses of 1806 \$3-00 X 3-00
Total \$26-87
26 to Paid to John for support of poor Danforth the Widow X 3-12

February 20th 1808 to Capt Ebenezer Clark in
 part for building the School House in the Middle of
 the Town ————— X 200-00
 April 6 to Capt Ebenezer Clark in part for building
 the School House in the Middle of the Town ————— X 200-00
 January 29th 1808 to Capt E. Clark in part for
 building a school house in the middle of the town 107-00
 February 22^d to Joshua Page for extra work on the School — 7-00
 September 5th 1808 to Joshua Page for extra
 work at the School House ————— X 2-00
 9 to Capt Ebenezer Clark in full for building the School
 House, and also for the door stone in full ————— X 61-00

February 25th to Phineas Chamberlain for one
 cord of oak wood for the North School X 3 - 40
 27 to Sampson Shaulding for one cord of pine wood
 for the North School X 3 - 60
 25 to Mather Hayward for one cord of oak wood for the
 North School X 3 - 30
 29 to John Thredwell for one cord of pine wood for the North School X 3 - 00
 29 to John Thredwell for one cord of oak wood for the South School X 3 - 00
 25 to Elijah Hamlin for one cord of pine wood for
 the South School X 3 - 50
 25 to Capt. William Gardner for 2 cords of oak wood
 for the East School X 6 - 50
 25 to Elijah Hamlin for one cord of pine wood
 for the East School X 3 - 45
 27 to Phineas Chamberlain for the election
 expenses for March for the year 1800 X 1 - 00
 27 to Phineas Chamberlain for expenses for the
 school the Poor, the School house & road Comtee
 and for the sale of the school & winter wood X 3 - 35
 27 to Phineas Chamberlain for extra work of the last year X 2 - 10
 27 to Oliver Chamberlain for wages in the spring X 5 - 00
 27 to David Cooper for service as an apprentice for 1800 X 1 - 00
 27 to David Cooper for an apprentice on the farm near
 at Westminster Concord N. H. till 1st board &c. X 11 - 00
 27 to Geo. M. Fitch for his service as trapner X 7 - 50

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| Orders | | | |
| February 27 to Thaddeus Hatch for support of | 8 | 1 | |
| Benjamin's Darnforth | | | |
| 27 to Ditto for Ditto | x 9 | - | 25 |
| 27 to Ditto for Ditto | x 1 | - | 65 |
| 27 to Ditto for Ditto | x 0 | - | 66 |
| 27 to Ditto for Ditto | x 2 | - | |
| 27 to Thad ^d Hatch in full for support Benjamin | | | |
| Darnforth to March 2 - 1807 | x 1 | - | 76 |
| 27 to John Webber jr for his services as an appraiser | | | |
| and attendance at court respecting the Poor &c. | x 16 | - | 92 |
| 27 to David Lane for work at Carlisle bridge | x 5 | - | 23 |
| 27 to Nathaniel Brown for work and plan for Carlisle bridge | x 30 | - | 30 |
| 27 to Nathaniel Brown for cord wood for Mrs. M. team | x 2 | - | 10 |
| 27 to Capt John Moor for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 4 | - | 00 |
| 27 to Elisha Lane for work at the Carlisle bridge | x 9 | - | 30 |
| 27 to James Lane for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 4 | - | 00 |
| 27 to Capt Sam ^l Lane in part for the support of the | | | |
| Millsh ^d on the Master of Chelmsford | x 4 | - | 31 |
| 27 to St. Nicholas Lane for Ditto in part | | | |
| 27 to Ben ^d Putnam for Ditto in full agreeable | x 4 | - | 00 |
| 1 to a set of the Town | x 4 | - | 00 |
| 27 to Nathaniel Brown for 3 cord wood for Mrs. Lane | x 11 | - | 25 |
| 27 to Elisha Lane for 6 cord wood for Mrs. Lane | x 22 | - | 50 |
| 28 to William Webber for his services as an appraiser | | | |
| and also as Clerk in part | x 12 | - | 00 |
| 28 to Ditto for Ditto in part | x 5 | - | 00 |
| 28 to Ditto for Ditto in part | x 5 | - | 00 |
| 28 to William Webber for Ditto in full | x 4 | - | 50 |
| March 2 - to John Reed 2 ^d for going to Printers | | | |
| to Execute the bond between the Town & Jacob Davis | | | |
| and others | x 2 | - | 00 |
| 27 to Amos Peck for visiting the Poor | x 2 | - | 75 |
| 1 to Asa Webber collector for the abatement | | | |
| of Jonathan Barron's Poll tax for 1806 | x 3 | - | 30 |
| 23 to Phineas Chamberlain for 3 cord wood to Mr. team | x 10 | - | 95 |
| 23 to Capt Sam ^l Lane for boarding school Master 8 weeks | | | |
| and for 3 feet wood for the next school | x 15 | - | 15 |
| 23 to Mrs. Hartwell for extra wood at the mill wharf | x 1 | - | 50 |
| 23 to Brodway Mower for work at the Carlisle car. way | x 1 | - | 25 |
| 23 to Samuel Jones for work at Ditto | x 1 | - | 00 |
| 24 to John Webber jr for boarding a school Master 5 weeks | x 16 | - | 00 |
| 24 to Michael Crosby for one cord wood to the east school | x 3 | - | 60 |
| 24 to Sam ^l Reed for boarding a school Master 8 weeks | x 16 | - | 00 |
| 24 to Stephen Shumster for boarding a school Master 4 weeks | x 16 | - | 00 |
| 24 to Jonathan Lane for extra wood at the wood the school | x 1 | - | 25 |
| 24 to Nathaniel Page for 3 cord wood to the main Mr. team | x 10 | - | 95 |
| 24 to Elisha Putnam for support of Mary Lane's well | x 10 | - | 00 |
| 24 to Ditto for Ditto in full to March 2 ^d | | | |
| April 2 to Asa Webber for Money towards the support of | x 13 | - | 33 |
| Mr. Jacob Davis | x 30 | - | 00 |

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| April 16 th 1807 to Chad's note for support of | | | |
| Benjamin Danksforth - in part | x 2 | 20 | |
| 6 to James Stanger for carrying two Down Meetings | x 2 | 00 | |
| 6 to Asa Webb for carrying two Down Meetings | x 2 | 00 | |
| 6 to James Prebensen for work at Carlisle bridge | x 4 | 75 | |
| 6 to Oliver Price for plank for Carlisle bridge | x 25 | 80 | |
| 6 to Thompson Bacon for plank for Carlisle bridge | x 9 | 05 | |
| 6 to David Fitch for sawing plank for Carlisle bridge | x 9 | 94 | |
| 6 to James Lane for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 12 | 00 | |
| 6 to Saml Lane for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 6 | 67 | |
| 6 to Capt David Price for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 6 | 00 | |
| 6 to Solomon Lane for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 7 | 50 | |
| 6 to Solomon Bacon for timber for Carlisle bridge | x 4 | 00 | |
| 6 to Elijah Putnam for work at the Carlisle bridge | x 3 | 50 | |
| 6 to Nathl Brown for work at Carlisle bridge | x 6 | 00 | |
| 6 to Ditto for Ditto | x 5 | 25 | |
| 6 to Ditto for Ditto | x 6 | 66 | |
| 20 to Ditto for Ditto | x 10 | 00 | |
| 20 to Nathl Brown for work and timber for the Carlisle bridge in full to this date | x 5 | 37 | |
| 20 to Eliab Lane for work at Carlisle bridge | x 5 | 00 | |
| 20 to Ditto for Ditto | x 5 | 00 | |
| 20 to Ditto for Ditto | x 5 | 19 | |
| 20 to Eliab Lane for Ditto in full | x 1 | 00 | |
| May 4 th to David Lane for work on Carlisle bridge | x 0 | 92 | |
| 4 to David Lane in full for Ditto | x 14 | 94 | |
| 4 to Stephen Hunter for work on the Carlisle road | x 1 | 80 | |
| 6 to English Steam engine maker for the Millia | x 1 | 31 | |
| 6 to John Page for work done at Carlisle bridge | x 2 | 32 | |
| 14 to Nathl Fitch for support of Benj ⁿ Danksforth | x 2 | 80 | |
| 14 to Nathl Fitch for Ditto in full to May 11 th | x 7 | 50 | |
| June 5 th to Stephen Lane in part for support of | x 10 | 00 | |
| Mary Hawthell from March last | | | |
| 7 to Asa Webber for cash to Providence Parson | x 8 | 50 | |
| 17 to Asa Webber for cash for the support of | | | |
| Mr Josiah Davis in full to the 20 day of April | x 18 | 50 | |
| 9 to Chad Fitch for support of Benj ⁿ Danksforth to June 1 st | x 5 | 00 | |
| 26 to Asa Webber a collector for cash for the support of Hannah Lane a wage in part | x 15 | 00 | |
| 26 to Jonathan Lane for repairing a wheelbarrow | x 2 | 00 | |
| July 14 to John Page for repairing the North school House | x 1 | 47 | |
| 15 to Chad Fitch for support of Mr Danksforth | x 2 | 50 | |
| 15 to Ditto for Ditto to July 7 th | x 2 | 50 | |
| August 29 to Calvin Sawyer as a bounty to the town & held him in | | | |
| wadings to March at a moment warning in defense of the country | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to Nathl Fitch for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to Thompson Bacon for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to John Page for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to Stephen Corbin for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to Andrew Allen for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to Timothy Richardson for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to Samuel Pease for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to John Goodwin for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |
| 29 to John Moor for Ditto | x 3 | 00 | |

Orders

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| Sept 8 th 1807 to Shaddem Fitts for support of B. D. 4-50 | \$ 6 |
| 8 to Ditto for support of Benjamin Danforth to Sept 1 st | 14-50 |
| 14 to Bradley Powers for support of Mrs. J. G. 1 st | 15-50 |
| 21 to Elijah Stearns for bleaching for Ben. Danforth | 15-00 |
| 24 to Chad. Fitts for support of Ben. Danforth to Oct 1 st | 2-52 |
| October 12 to Ara Webber for cash towards | 2-50 |
| the support of Xanna Lane a Negro | 12-00 |
| 19 to Chad. Fitts for support of Ben. Danforth to Oct 28 | 2-50 |
| November 3 1807 to Thompson Bacon for surveying | |
| the road from Shawheen River to Concord river | 2-50 |
| 10 to Lucy Porter for 6 weeks tuition in the center school | 7-50 |
| 10 to John Reed for 2 weeks board & 2 weeks tuition | 11-17 |
| 10 to Lucy Porter for 2 weeks tuition in the west school | 10-00 |
| 10 to Timothy Jones for boarding school Mitts 8 weeks | 8-67 |
| 10 to Rebecca Fray for 2 weeks tuition & board south school | 8-67 |
| 10 to Linn Parry for 2 weeks tuition & board West school | 8-67 |
| 10 to Ezra Bacon for 2 weeks tuition in 2 east school | 10-00 |
| 10 to Nathl Page for boarding school Mitts 8 weeks | 8-67 |
| 10 to Joshua Page for homeroom for the Middle School | 6-00 |
| December 14 th 1807 to Chad. Fitts for support of | |
| Benjamin Danforth to Decemr 16 th | 8-75 |
| 14 to Braden Power for one third of the board of | |
| Mary Hartwell in full | 23-65 |
| 16 to Ben Shaddem Davis for one half of his winter | |
| tax which he paid at West Cambridge | 4-00 |
| 29 to Thompson Bacon for being overtaxed as guardian | |
| for the year 1806 | 0-65 |
| January 1 st 1808 to Ara Webber for cash for the | |
| support of Xanna Lane to this date | 35-00 |
| 3 to Ara Webber a collector for the abatement | |
| of Nathan Philtons Minister tax for 1806 and | |
| for his highway tax for 1805, for David Jeph. Bee | |
| tax for 1806 and wid Elizabeth Lanes highway | |
| tax for 1805 | 4-95 |
| 12 to Ara Webber for his services as collector for 1806 | 24-75 |
| 12 to Chad. Fitts for support of Ben. Danforth | |
| in full to the 13 th of January 1808 | 5-00 |
| February 1 st 1808 to Chad. Fitts for support of Ben. | |
| Danforth in full to January 29 | 2-77 |
| 12 to Ara Webber a collector for cash for the | |
| support of Josiah Davis in part | 50-00 |
| 22 to John Webber for powder to renew the Iron Store | 8-00 |
| 22 to Joshua Page for repairing the windows in the meeting house | 0-60 |
| 23 to Michael Cusby for 2 cords of wood for the east school | 7-91 |
| 23 to Elizabeth Jones for 2 cords of wood for the west school | 7-80 |
| 23 to Josiah Hill for 1 cord of wood for the north school | 3-65 |
| 23 to James Davis for 1 cord of wood for the south school | 3-65 |

Coden on the road tax from Shawheen River to Lexington

Sept 14th 1807 to John Webber Jr for expenses furnished Jonathan

White the person who made the above road on his account

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| 14 to John Webber Jr for Ditto - & Ditto | \$19-00 |
| 14 to Phineas Chamberlain for Ditto | + 2-00 |
| 14 to David Reed for Ditto | + 3-01 |
| 14 to David Reed for Ditto | + 2-00 |
| 14 to John Reed for Ditto | + 2-08 |
| 17 to Wm Webber for Ditto & Ditto | + 5-67 |
| 21 to John Webber Jr for Ditto - expense for liquor &c. | |
| at the sale of the aforesaid road | + 6-50 |
| 22 to Wm Webber for boarding Jonathan White at work on the road | + 14-29 |
| 28 to Jonas Green for plank for Jonathan White | + 5-89 |
| 28 to David Reed for hay for Jonathan White | + 14-25 |
| 28 to David Reed for Ditto | + 12-00 |

October 22nd to John Page for the road going through
his land in part

November 6th to James Webber a collector for cash to pay
Jonathan White for making the road from Shawheen

River to Lexington Pine in full

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| 6 to Wm Webber for boarding Jonathan White at work on the road | + 10-63 |
| 6 to David Butler for boarding Ditto | + 38-50 |
| 6 to Wm Webber for Ditto | + 35-48 |
| 11 to Wm Webber for Ditto | + 00-50 |

March 9th 1808 to John Page for the road going through
his land in part

to John Webber for the same going through the
the land of Ebenezer Page late of Bedford Decem

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| 21 to John Webber for Ditto in full | + 15-50 |
| 22 to John Webber for Ditto in full | + 15-50 |
| 23 to John Page for the road going through his land in part | + 25-88 |

23 to John Page for Ditto in full part

23 to John Page for Ditto in full

March 6 to David Reed for building wall on Deppm
Merriam's land it being for damages for the road going
through the same

7 to John Webber for building wall on Deppm
Merriam's land which pays him in full for the

new road going through his page land

December 27 1808 to David Reed for moving his
wall agreeably to order of Court by the road between

Bedford & Lexington line

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| March 5 1809 to David Reed for the road in part | + 10-00 |
| 3 to David Reed for ditto in part | + 10-00 |
| 5 to David Reed for ditto in part | + 5-00 |

June 18th 1809 to John Merriam for building
David's wall

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| 18 to David Reed for do in full | + 8-75 |
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| 216 February 1808 | | Orders | School | |
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| 23 ^d | to Eliza Stearns | Exp for two cords of wood for the school | 7 | 8 |
| 29 | to Bradley Brown | in full for support of W. Annadane | 1 | 40 |
| 29 | to Asa Webber | a collector for the abatement of | | |
| | tax | Joseph Polltax 52 cents & Joseph Blanchard, | | |
| | being overtaxed 1-02 and for services respecting foot | 2 | 29 | |
| March 4 | to Physician Chamberlain | for the selectmen's | | |
| | expenses 1-87 for the select road & poor and | | | |
| | School House Committee &c. 5-49 | | 7 | 36 |
| 4 | to John Webber Jr | for his services as assessor and | | |
| | also in attending roads &c. | | 5 | 50 |
| 4 | to James Webber | for horse and slight to remove | | |
| | Anna Lane from Popponil | | 2 | 38 |
| 4 | to David Reed | for his services as assessor 12-00 cents | | |
| | and attendance on Roads & Poor | 12-50 | 24 | 50 |
| 4 | to John Webber Jr | for a tub for the stove in the | | |
| | School House in the middle of the town &c. | | 0 | 80 |
| | to Asa Webber | for cash to defend the road to | | |
| | Belchamford &c. and abatement of tax to Isaac | | | |
| | Blanchard &c. 1-00 | | 1 | 46 |
| 4 | to Asa Webber | for subject of Mrs. H. A. B. well | | |
| | in front | | 23 | 65 |
| 4 | to John Webber | for support of Henry Sanford's expenses | 2 | 00 |
| 4 | to Little for | support of Henry Sanford's in full to | | |
| | the 7 of March for 1808 | | 4 | 88 |
| 4 | to Thad. Fitch | for extra in time of sickness | | |
| | of the 2 Henry Sanford till 4 March 1808 | | 5 | 00 |
| 4 | to Amariah Brewster | for attendance on school near | 7 | 53 |
| 4 | to Hather Hayward | for repairing the work | | |
| | School House | | 2 | 00 |
| 4 | to Phineas Chamberlain | for work on the cart in | 2 | 65 |
| 4 | to John Stearns | for ditto | 7 | 00 |
| 4 | to John Lane | for ditto | 3 | 50 |
| 4 | to Samuel Sayer | for ditto | 1 | 43 |
| 4 | to Jeremiah Fitch | for ditto | 1 | 81 |
| 4 | to Elizabeth Lane | for ditto | 4 | 31 |
| 4 | to See Moses Fitch | for his services as assessor | 9 | 50 |
| 4 | to Asa Webber | for 6 cords of wood to | | |
| | the School Asa Stearns | | 24 | 00 |
| 4 | to Stephen Lane | for the support of the | | |
| | Harwell in full to the 7 of March 1808 | | 28 | 65 |
| 4 | to Asa Webber | for 6 cords of wood to the School | 23 | 40 |
| 4 | to Asa Webber | for attendance on the school | | |
| | in the new school house | | 2 | 58 |
| 4 | to Bradley Brown | for support of W. Annadane | | |
| | Lane in full to the 7 of March 1808 | | 11 | 94 |
| 4 | to Ebenezer Clark | for the carriage of the School | | |
| | from Boston for the School house | | 2 | 00 |
| 5 | to David Reed | for support of W. Annadane | 1 | 75 |

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| March 5 th 1803 to Jonathan Hill for 3 cows for the District School | 12-00 |
| 5 to Jonathan Hill for ditto | 12-00 |
| 5 to Elijah Stearns for powder to renew the Towns stock | 10-16 |
| 5 to Wm Webber for his services as an officer for 1807 in part | 6-28 |
| 5 to ditto for ditto in part | 20-00 |
| 5 to ditto for his services as an officer and Clerk for 1807 in full | 9-72 |
| 21 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to April 18 th | 3-00 |
| 23 to Wm Webber for waiting one Town Meeting | 1-00 |
| April 27 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to April 4 th | 3-00 |
| May 3 to John Merriam for cash for the District School | 10-50 |
| Jonah Davis in part | 16-00 |
| 13 to James Gleason for boarding the School Master 8 weeks | 12-00 |
| 13 to Thos Ditcher for boarding School Master 6 weeks | 12-00 |
| 13 to Thos Ditcher for boarding School Master 2 weeks | 4-00 |
| 13 to Capt Wm Lane for boarding School Master 8 weeks | 12-00 |
| 13 to Wm Merriam for boarding School Master 8 weeks | 16-00 |
| 13 to Thos Ditcher for boarding School Master 8 weeks | 16-00 |
| 13 to Lucio Lane for one cord of wood for the Middle School 4 th and for attendance at the Committee Meeting | 5-00 |
| 13 to Day Shuttlesworth for support of Benjamin Barker to April 18 th and the extra expense through her last sickness | 8-00 |
| in full to this date | |
| 21 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to April 18 th | 3-00 |
| 26 to Thompson Bacon for his expenses & attendance at the Court of Sessions in defence of the road for the year 1807 | 13-10 |
| 28 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to May 13 th | 5-00 |
| 28 to Oliver Freed in part for the road going through his land | 32-00 |
| June 1 st to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to June 1 st | 1-00 |
| July 1 st to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to July 1 st | 1-00 |
| August 30 th to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to July 6 th | 5-00 |
| Sept 5 th to Thos Ditcher for his winter tax for the year 1807 | 4-00 |
| 8 to Day Shuttlesworth for support of Nanna Lane in part | 2-00 |
| 20 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to August 18 th | 4-00 |
| 20 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to August 18 th | 5-00 |
| October 6 th to Day Shuttlesworth for support of Nanna Lane to October 18 th | 8-00 |
| 11 to Day Shuttlesworth for ditto to April 23 rd | 1-00 |
| 14 to Thompson Bacon for purchasing a stove for the School house in & other expenses and home | 1-38 |
| 18 to Thos Ditcher for support of Benjamin Barker to April 23 rd | 0-00 |
| 18 to Thos Ditcher for ditto in full to September 30 th | 3-00 |
| 22 to James Webber, a collector, for cash to pay the support of Jonathan Davis & wife to Oct 11 th 1807 | 4-00 |
| 28 to Lucy Porter for teaching the Middle School 8 weeks | 10-00 |
| 28 to Lucy Porter for teaching the East School 8 weeks | 10-00 |

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| 2 ^d | To Daz Sheltan for support of Danna Lane in part | + 20 | 00 |
| 7 ^{to} | Daz Sheltan for ditto | + 10 | 00 |
| 13 ^{to} | Daz Sheltan for ditto | + 10 | 00 |
| 2 ^{to} | Daz Sheltan for ditto in full for November the 1 st | + 6 | 80 |
| 4 ^{to} | Hartwell for wood to the school & W ^m Meekins | + 4 | 00 |
| 7 ^{to} | Bacon for teaching School 8 weeks - | + 8 | 67 |
| 10 ^{to} | Ramuel Lane for boarding school Mistep & weeken | + 8 | 67 |
| 7 ^{to} | Lewis Pariss Lichman & board in the North school weekly | + 20 | 00 |
| 7 ^{to} | Elijah Stearns for cloathing for Benjn Danforth | + 3 | 97 |
| 7 ^{to} | Edgabeth Stearns for tuition & Boarding in South school weekly | + 8 | 66 |
| 7 ^{to} | Madden Jitels for support of Benjamin Danforth | | |
| 10 ^{October} | to Madden Jitels also for extra expense to this date | + 21 | 78 |
| 10 ^{to} | Madden Jitels for support Benjn Danforth to Oct 23 | + 3 | 00 |
| 7 ^{to} | John Webber for boarding School Mistep & weeken | + 10 | 00 |
| 7 ^{to} | Roger Reed for boarding School Mistep & weeken | + 10 | 00 |
| 7 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for visit for Benjn Danforth | + 3 | 00 |
| 23 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for support of Benjn Danforth to Nov 23 | + 6 | 00 |
| Decr 12 | to Shadr Jitels for support of Benjn Danforth | + 2 | 50 |
| 17 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for ditto to December 12 th | + 2 | 00 |
| 16 ^{to} | Jama Page for repairing the roof of the Rectory | + 10 | 50 |
| | and fixing the floor in the Church | | |
| 16 ^{to} | William Blodgett for plan to repair the bridge in Dedham | + 2 | 41 |
| 27 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for support of Benjn Danforth to Dec 17 | + 1 | 50 |
| 30 ^{to} | John Webber in part for his services as an assessor | + 0 | 58 |
| 30 ^{to} | Jama Webber a collector for the abatement of Joseph Stearns Poll tax to the State Town & County | | |
| | & James Parson's Poll tax to do - do - do | | |
| | & Joseph Woodman's Poll tax to do do do | | |
| | & Benjn Gleason's Poll tax to do do do | + 10 | 31 |
| Jan 5 ^{to} | Daz Sheltan for support of Danna Lane in part | + 4 | 00 |
| 19 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for support of Benjn Danforth | + 1 | 50 |
| 14 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for support of Benjn Danforth in full | + 3 | 00 |
| 13 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for Benjn Danforth last sickness in part | + 5 | 00 |
| 13 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for ditto in part | + 3 | 00 |
| 13 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for ditto in part | + 1 | 82 |
| 13 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for ditto in part | + 3 | 00 |
| 13 ^{to} | Shadr Jitels for support of Benjamin Danforth | | |
| | & in his last sickness in full | + 2 | 87 |
| 25 ^{to} | Ara Webber for the abatement of Solomon Bacon's taxes in part for 1806. \$ 84. for Benjn Gleason's for 1806 - 3 & Oliver Kendall for 1806 | | |
| Feb 03 | | | |
| 24 ^{to} | Jama Webber a collector for the abatement of Solomon Bacon's taxes for 1807 - \$ 76 | + 5 | 76 |
| 28 ^{to} | Oliver Reed in part on a note & Reed held against the town | | |
| February 23 ^{to} | Daz Sheltan for support of Danna Lane in part | + 20 | 00 |
| 23 ^{to} | Daz Sheltan for support of Danna Lane in full to February the 12 th inclusive | + 3 | 11 |
| | | + 15 | 00 |

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| March 3 | to Dage Sheltens for support of Nanna Lane in part | 42 |
| 3 | to Miss Chambers for the Selectmen's expenses for liquor and coffee for the sale of wood, Poor &c. | 44-83 |
| 3 | to James Webber a collector for the abatement of Joseph Winter Poll tax \$4-31. Stephen Corbin Poll tax 4-31 | |
| | Oliver Sheddalls taxes 5-27 and Amos Lockner Poll & personal & rates taxes 5-16, all for the year 1807 | 19-00 |
| 3 | to James Webber for his services as collector for 1807 in part | 22-00 |
| 3 | to James Webber for Ditto - - - - - & Ditto in full | 6-00 |
| 3 | to David Reid for his services as an assessor for 1808 in full | 4-50 |
| 3 | to James Webber for warning three Town Meetings in the year 1808 | 6-00 |
| 3 | to Nathaniel Brown for nine cords of wood to the Minister and one cord to the North School | 27-70 |
| 3 | to Nathaniel Brown for one cord of wood to the Middle S. | 3-00 |
| 3 | to John Merriam for his services as an assessor for 1808 | 8-00 |
| 3 | to John Merriam for one cord of wood at the South School | 2-90 |
| 3 | to Nathaniel Brown for extra work on Carlisle road | 4-00 |
| 3 | to Oliver Sheltens for his services as Treasurer | 9-50 |
| 3 | to Oliver Sheltens for extra work on Carlisle road | 9-00 |
| 3 | to Nathaniel Brown for six cords of wood for N. Stearns one cord to the School & extra work on Carlisle road | 28-00 |
| 3 | to Wm. Webber for his services as assessor in part | 13-75 |
| 3 | to Wm. Webber for Ditto in part | 6-00 |
| 3 | to Simon Bloodgett for 13 cords of wood for the coffins | 3-00 |
| 3 | to Jacob Marble for cutting School wood | 1-25 |
| 3 | to Dage Sheltens for setting glass in collecting house | 1-33 |
| 3 | to Dage Sheltens for support of Nanna Lane in part | 3-20 |
| 3 | to Ditto for Ditto - - - in part | 4-48 |
| 4 | to Wm. Webber for services as assessor & clerk in part | 1-00 |
| 4 | to Wm. Webber for ditto in part | 5-00 |
| 4 | to Wm. Webber for ditto in part | 3-17 |
| 4 | to Wm. Webber for services as assessor & clerk in full | 2-00 |
| 4 | to John Webber for the Selectmen's expenses at his house | 0-60 |
| 4 | to Simon Davis for 3 cords of wood to the Minister | 8-25 |
| 4 | to Simon Davis for 2 cords of wood to ditto | 0-90 |
| 4 | to Josiah Still for one cord of wood to the school | 2-80 |
| 4 | to Wm. Goodrich for one cord of wood to the school | 2-90 |
| 4 | to Shaddens Davis Jr for one cord wood to the school | 2-80 |
| 4 | to Harsh Hayman for two cords of wood to the school | 5-60 |
| 10 | to Oliver Sheltens for teaching school in this town in part | 21-00 |
| 10 | to Oliver Sheltens for teaching school in this town in part | 19-00 |
| 10 | to Oliver Sheltens for in part in his rate | 23-36 |
| 10 | to Oliver Sheltens for carrying on Oliver Sheldens rate | 6-12 |
| 10 | to Oliver Sheltens for taking care of the collecting house and extra work on Carlisle road | 6-60 |
| 10 | to John Smith for attendance on the Town poor | 5-39 |
| April 3 | to Sea Shadon Davis for his winter tax for 1808 | 4-00 |
| 3 | to Dage Sheltens for support of Nanna Lane | 4-00 |
| 3 | to Dage Sheltens for ditto in part | 1-00 |
| 3 | to Simon Bloodgett for a coffin for Nanna Lane | 2-50 |

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 April 3 to Daze Shellen for support of Nanna Lane
 Lane in part - - - - - x 10-00
 3 to Daze Shellen for support of Nanna Lane
 in full to this date - - - - - x 16-45
 3 to Daze Shellen for support of Nanna Lane in part - - - - - x 6-45
 3 to Daze Shellen for support of Nanna Lane in full
 to this date - - - - - x 10-00
 5 to Daze Shellen for sweeping the Meeting House - - - - - x 2-00
 14 to Saml. Fidd for digging grave for Nanna a Negro - - - - - x 1-50
 18 to Elijah Putnam Collector twenty Dollars for
 cash for support of Josiah Davis - - - - - x 20-00
 18 to James Webber Collector, eighteen Dollars for
 cash for the support of Josiah Davis - - - - - x 18-00
 18 to John Merriam six Dollars for support of Josiah Davis - - - - - x 6-00
 25 to Wm. Webber for cash, (8 Dollars) for support of J. Davis - - - - - x 8-00
 May 4 to Wm. Merriam for boarding school Master 8 weeks - - - - - x 14-00
 4 to John Webber for boarding school Master 8 weeks - - - - - x 14-00
 4 to Superintendees for boarding school Master 8 weeks - - - - - x 14-00
 4 to Elijah Putnam for boarding school Master 8 weeks - - - - - x 14-00
 4 to Lemorby Jones for boarding school Master 8 weeks - - - - - x 14-00
 4 to Elijah Putnam for extra wood at the North school - - - - - x 3-37
 5 to Aaron Chamberlain for extra wood at the North school - - - - - x 2-00
 8 to B. Wm. Merriam for extra wood to the North school - - - - - x 4-00
 8 to Thaddeus Davis for extra wood to do repairs - - - - - x 4-62
 8 to Bradley Bowen for support of Nanna Lane in part - - - - - x 4-00
 8 to Bradley Bowen for support of Nanna Lane in full - - - - - x 16-00
 June 28 to Elijah Putnam for necessary^{&c} for the fune-
 ral of Benjamin Dunport - - - - - x 2-68
 28 to John Duce for ^{two years} for tenet on his Note of hand - - - - - x 9-00
 Sep^r 4 to Wm. Porter for extra wood for the
 school & plank for a bridge - - - - - x 6-00
 22 to Miss Betsey Sprague for tuition in the North school 16 wks - - - - - x 16-00
 22 to ditto for board 16 weeks - - - - - x 16-00
 22 to James Wright for boarding school Master 16 wks - - - - - x 20-00
 Oct^r 30 to Capt. E. Putnam for cash to pay Miss
 Abbott for tuition in the North school - - - - - x 14-67
 Nov. 18 to David Smith for cash paid to a school
 Master in part for teach school - - - - - x 4-00
 20 to Melistable Blanchard for sixteen weeks
 tuition in the East school - - - - - x 18-67
 Dec^r 5 to Miss Betsey Sprague for 16 weeks tuition and
 16 weeks board in the West school - - - - - x 32-00
 5 to Daniel Davis for support of Josiah Davis in full - - - - - x 16-00
 27 to E. Putnam for boarding school Master 16 weeks - - - - - x 22-00
 27 to Thaddeus Davis for boarding school Master 16 weeks - - - - - x 22-00
 27 to do - - - for do. & - - - in full - - - - - x 12-00
 27 to Saml. Fidd for teaching school 16 weeks - - - - - x 18-00

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| Jan 11 | to Thomas Hild for extra work on the high way | 8 | 16 |
| 1 | to David Reed for extra work on the High way | 8 | 16 |
| 1 | to James Webber a collector of a debt for the support of a poor | 1 | 00 |
| 1 | to James Webber a collector of a debt for the support of a poor | 1 | 00 |
| 1 | to James Webber a collector of a debt for the support of a poor | 1 | 00 |
| 18 | to H. Page for the use of a horse on the road | 3 | 00 |
| March 2 | to David Reed for his services as assessor | | |
| | and a journey to Princeton to settle for an account | 9 | 50 |
| | and also perambulating Town lines &c. | | |
| 2 | to John Merriam for his services as assessor | | |
| | and perambulating Town lines &c. | 9 | 40 |
| 2 | to Timothy Hinman for the selection of a site | 2 | 88 |
| 2 | to John Webber for do. | 1 | 00 |
| 2 | to John Merriam for repairing a school house | 6 | 30 |
| 2 | to Timothy Hinman for sawing Minister wood | 1 | 00 |
| 2 | to David Page for 3 cords wood for the Minister | 12 | 56 |
| | and 6 feet wood for school | | |
| 2 | to John Merriam for 2 cords wood for school | 6 | 52 |
| 2 | to Elijah Putnam for 2 cords wood for the Minister | 6 | 60 |
| 2 | to Elijah Putnam for his service as collector | | |
| | for the year 1808 | 22 | 75 |
| 2 | to Moses Bitch for his services as Treasurer | 9 | 00 |
| 3 | to Wm. Webber for his services as assessor in part | 11 | 24 |
| 3 | to do. for do. | 3 | 89 |
| 3 | to do. for do. | 2 | 50 |
| 3 | to do. for do. | 5 | 00 |
| 3 | to Wm. Webber in full for his services as | | |
| | assessor, as clerk & perambulating Town lines | 13 | 74 |
| 8 | to David Reed for extra work on the high way | 1 | 77 |
| 8 | to Saml. Page for plans for the building of a new | 1 | 00 |
| 8 | to John Reed for repairing the school house | | |
| | and perambulating the line between Concord & Putnam | 3 | 37 |
| 8 | to Elijah Stearns for his services at the funeral | | |
| | of Benjamin Danforth &c. | 3 | 94 |
| 8 | to Elijah Stearns for extra work at Carlisle road | 3 | 00 |
| 26 | to David Reed for 3 cords wood for the Minister & 1 cord for school | 13 | 51 |
| 31 | to Simon Davis for 3 cords wood for the Minister | 9 | 99 |
| 31 | to John Reed for 3 cords wood for the Minister | 9 | 99 |
| 31 | to Thaddeus Bitch for 3 cords wood for the Minister | 7 | 76 |
| 31 | to Simon Davis for 3 cords wood for the Minister | 7 | 76 |
| 31 | to Simon Davis for 1 cord wood for the North School | 2 | 99 |
| 31 | to Simon Davis for 1 cord wood for the S. School | 2 | 51 |
| 31 | to Simon Davis for 1 cord wood for the N. School | 3 | 34 |
| 31 | to Simon Davis for 1 cord wood for the N. School | 3 | 30 |
| 31 | to Michael Curby for 3 cords wood for the S. School | 2 | 48 |
| 31 | to David Reed for boarding school Master six weeks | 10 | 50 |
| 31 | to David Reed for boarding school Master six weeks | 10 | 50 |
| 31 | to Elijah Putnam for boarding school Master six weeks | 10 | 50 |
| 31 | to Elijah Putnam for boarding school Master six weeks | 10 | 50 |
| 31 | to Benjamin Davis for boarding school Master six weeks | 10 | 50 |

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 March 31 to 310 to Bradley Hemen for wood at the S. School x 1 22
 April 19 to Luen Pope for tuition school in part x 5 38
 2 to Luen Pope for do. in part x 8 32
 2 to Luen Pope for do. in part x 5 40
 2 to Luen Pope for do. in part x 4 40
 2 to James Robbinsen for taking care of the collecting H. 3 00
 June 30 to John Mead for interest on his Note x 4 50
 July 2 to Hannah Page for his attendance at
 Court as a committee to defend the Luen against
 an Indictment x 6 00
 August 23 to Asa Webber a Collector for the
 abatement of John Lamer taxes for 1806
 88 42 Jeremiah Claps taxes for 1805 & 1806
 9 72 of Jeremiah Blanchard for 1805 & 1806
 1 71 - - - - - x 19 88
 23 to James Webber a Collector for the
 abatement of John Lamer taxes for 1807
 8 19 53 for Jeremiah Claps for 1807
 2 79 & one dollar expense - - - - - x 23 32
 22 to Nancy Abbebt for 12 weeks tuition
 in the Middle School - - - - - x 4 00
 22 to Sarahannah Page for 12 weeks tuition
 in the South School - - - - - x 4 00
 22 to Asa Mead for boarding school Midey,
 12 weeks - - - - - x 14 50
 22 to Sarahannah Page for 12 weeks tuition
 in the East School - - - - - x 14 00
 22 to Asa Page for boarding the school
 Mistress 12 weeks - - - - - x 14 50
 Nov. 5th to Ben Thadde Lewis for his
 Minister tax - - - - - x 4 10
 5 to Michael Cressley for his attendance at the
 Court of Common Pleas to defend the Penn
 against an indictment - - - - - x 4 00
 5 to Melvilabel Blanchard for 24 weeks
 tuition in the North & West Schools x 28 00
 5 to Elijah Putnam for cash for powder x 32 00
 5 to Elijah Putnam for cash powder
 or towns fine - - - - - x 25 00
 5 to Michael Cressley for cash paid J. L. L. x 11 00

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Oct 1810 Orders for repairing Carlisle road 8 6

| | | |
|---|------|----|
| 2 to Moses Simonds for work on Carlisle road | x 26 | 96 |
| 2 to L. J. Shedd for ditto | x 20 | 00 |
| 2 to ditto for ditto | x 4 | 80 |
| 2 to Eliza Lane for ditto | x 5 | 00 |
| 2 to ditto for ditto | x 5 | 00 |
| 2 to ditto for ditto | x 4 | 90 |
| 2 to Elmond Zittel for ditto | x 2 | 14 |
| 2 to ditto for ditto | x 24 | 03 |
| 3 to Timothy Richardson for ditto | x 14 | 30 |
| 3 to William Linn for ditto | x 19 | 30 |
| 8 to ditto for ditto | x 7 | 60 |
| 8 to ditto for ditto | x 7 | 50 |
| 8 to Asa Shedd for ditto | x 9 | 20 |
| Dec 1810 to Capt. E. Putnam for work on Carlisle road in part | x 9 | 24 |
| to do. for do. in part | x 8 | 16 |
| 22 to do. for do. in full | x 1 | 25 |
| Jan 1811 to Wm. Gooding for repairing the bridge in part | x 11 | 64 |
| to Wm. Gooding for do. in full | x 10 | 96 |
| March 1811 to Moses Simonds for do. in full | x 3 | 77 |

Nov. 14th to Elijah Putnam for boarding School Ministers 12 weeks \$14.50

Dec 1 to John Page for repairing school house x 2. 75

14 to David Shedd his attendance at Court on the indictment on Carlisle road x 6. 00

14 to Nathl. Page for work & timber at the Elm brook bridge & the Causeway } x 23. 78

14 to David Shedd for work & timber & camp at the Elm brook bridge & causeway } x 15. 00

14 to Asa Shedd for boarding school ministers x 14. 50

22 to Elijah Putnam for the district

1811 to Solomon L. account for 1808 & 9 and (x) 16. 12

Benja. Gleason & others for same years }

7 to David Shedd for the house in part x 6. 51

John 2 to David Shedd for do. in part x 30. 00

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January 10th 1811 Orders

- To Elijah Putnam for the abatement of 13 miles highway tax for 1809 - \$1-0
- To Elijah Putnam his service as collector for 1809 } +29-75
- To David Page for 1000 feet of lumber +3-83
- To David Lane for work at the New Highway bridge and repairing a school house - +5-76
- To David Lane for boarding school Master 7 weeks +12-81
- To James Webster a Collector for the abatement of 13 miles highway tax for 1809 +24-00
- March 1st to David Lane for boarding school master 7 weeks +12-81
- 1 to David Page for boarding school Master 7 weeks +12-81
- 1 To Vima Jones for boarding school Master 7 weeks +12-81
- 1 To Josiah Hill for two cords wood at the North school +7-00
- 1 To Michael Crosby for one cord wood at the East school +3-50
- 1 To do. for do. at the South school +3-50
- 1 To David Page for one cord wood at the West school +3-85
- 1 To Capt. Smith Lane for one cord wood at the West school +3-50
- 1 To John Reed Jr for one cord wood at the West school +3-60
- 1 To David Hartwell for one cord wood at the South school +3-50
- 1 To a trustee for lost in money a Collector +3-00
- 1 To Elijah Putnam for 10 feet wood for the West school and for Lignar at the side of the cedar swamp road +7-50
- 1 To David Brown for 6 cords wood to the Minister +22-76
- 1 To Haver Smith for his service as assessor +7-25
- 1 To John Merriam for his service as assessor +8-50
- 1 To John Reed for his service as assessor +7-50
- 1 To John Merriam for the sale of the Minister wood & the selections expenses +3-15
- 1 To Wm. Webster for his service as assessor in part +5-16
- 1 To Wm. Webster for do. in part +8-40
- 1 To Wm. Webster in full for service as assessor & Clerk +17-83
- 1 To John Webster for the abatement expenses for liquor +0-40
- 1 To Samuel Hartwell for repair work at the North school +2-00
- 1 To James Lane for 2 cords wood to the Minister +7-50
- 1 To Stephen Lane for 2 cords wood to the Minister +7-30
- 1 To Amos Blodgett for repairing the West school house +2-25
- 1 To Amos Blodgett for extra wood to the East school 12 feet +5-78
- 1 To Michael Crosby for extra wood to the East school 6 feet +2-63
- 1 To Edw. Lane for plank for Carlisle Bridge +5-25
- 21 to Samuel Hartwell Lincoln for the reinforcement of his highway tax for 1810 +39-00
- April 1 to John Reed for wood for Mr. Putnam in part +20-00

August 1811 To Daze Shelter for 4 cord wood
 to the Minister - - - - - x 1 30
 To Limeshop for 100 lbs of sugar - - - - - x 1 00
 To Land Brundage for repair of the School house - - - - - x 1 38
 To Joshua Page for taking care of the Meeting house for 1810 - - - - - x 3 00
 May 6 To John Reed for 4 cord wood to the Minister - - - - - x 2 30
 July 1 to John Reed for running over the Towns
 Stocked bullets &c. - - - - - } x 3 50
 To Thos Davis for his Minister tax - - - - - x 4 00
 To Daze Shelter for the house house in part x 10 00
 To Daze Shelter ~~for~~ in full for building the
 house house. Chest for the powder & mending } x 13 11
 two school houses - - - - - }

Oct 21 To Melitabla Blanchard for teaching school 12 weeks x 14 00
 21 To Melitabla Blanchard for teaching school 12 weeks x 14 00
 21 To Lucy Porter for teaching school 12 weeks x 14 00
 21 To Phineas Page for teaching school 12 weeks x 14 00
 21 To do. for teaching school 12 weeks & boarding herself in part x 18 00
 21 To Nathaniel Page for boarding school children 12 weeks x 14 00
 21 To Timothy Jones for do. - - - - - do. x 14 00
 21 To Dr. Amos Preston for do. - - - - - do. x 14 00
 21 To Stephen Lane for do. - - - - - do. x 14 00
 21 To Thompson Bacon for do. - - - - - in part x 10 00
 January 6th 1812 to David Fitch for his services as collector
 for the year 1810. - - - - - } x 30 00
 To David Fitch collector for the year 1810 it being an
 abatement in part of the said David Fitch's tax for
 the year 1810, 25th 1810. - - - - - } x 1 00
 To David Fitch collector for the year 1810, and 10 for the abatement of David Fitch's
 highway tax for 1810. - - - - - } x 8 40
 To Eliab Lane for plank for Carlisle Bridge and other
 work at the highway and road. - - - - - } x 7 75
 To Eliab Lane for plank for Carlisle Bridge - - - - - x 2 88
 To Nathan Page for making a cupboard in the school for
 the Bible & other things for the carrying ground. - - - - - } x 5 36
 To Eliab Putnam collector for the statement
 of 11th Wolcott for the year 1808 & 1809, 38 77
 and one dollar for services as collector in carrying money
 & for 2 feet of wood to the school, 81 72
 To Eliab Putnam collector for the statement
 of Mr. Porter & Thompson Bacon's highway taxes for
 the year 1809 - - - - - } x 1 80
 Thompson Bacon to pay Ward for counsel x 5 00

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| 32.6 | Order 1812 | |
| January 11 | To Mr. Putnam for teaching singing school | 40 |
| | two months | |
| February 3 | To Mr. Putnam for boarding the singing Master 2 months | 16 |
| March 2 | To John Nye for full for his services as assessor for the year 1812. | 13 |
| 2 | To Thompson Bacon in full for his services as assessor & one days attendance at Court | 12 |
| 2 | To Wm Webber for his services as assessor & Clerk in part | 6 |
| 2 | To W. Webber for do in part | 6 |
| 2 | To Wm Webber for do in part | 4 |
| 2 | To Wm Webber for do in part | 4 |
| 2 | To Wm Webber for do in full for his services | 18 |
| 2 | To Wm Webber for repairing the District School House | 1 |
| 2 | To Amariah Putnam for fixing the for the singing school in the Center House | 2 |
| 2 | Elijah Stearns 1 cord for Canby wood for the singing school | 14 |
| 2 | To Stephen Lane for wood to the Center School | 2 |
| 2 | To Josiah Hill for 2 cords wood for school | 1 |
| 2 | To New Hittin 1 cord wood for school | 3 |
| 2 | David Page 1 cord wood for school | 3 |
| 2 | Nathan Hayman 1 cord wood for school | 3 |
| 2 | To Elijah Stearns & Co for 10 feet wood for school | 11 |
| 2 | To Elihu B. Lane 2 cords wood for school | 7 |
| 2 | To Wm Webber for 5 feet wood for the east school | 2 |
| 2 | To John Nye for his services as assessor | 13 |
| 2 | To Wm Stearns for the Selectmen & Committee expenses | 5 |
| 2 | To Elijah Putnam for services as assessor | 11 |
| 2 | To New Hittin for his services as treasurer | 9 |
| 2 | To James Webber for warming towns meeting | 2 |
| 2 | To Simon Blackett for making cartridges | 1 |
| 3 | To Simons Jones for boarding school master 7 weeks | 12 |
| 3 | To Simons Jones for repairing school house (the west) | 1 |
| 3 | To Thompson Bacon for boarding school Master 4 weeks | 12 |
| 3 | To Ara Webber for boarding school Master 7 weeks | 12 |
| 3 | To John Blumhard for teaching school 14 weeks in full | 6 |
| 7 | To James Silvester for teaching school 14 weeks in full | 6 |
| 12 | To Elijah Stearns & Co for clearing for new land | 3 |
| 30 | To Thompson Bacon for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| 30 | To Stephen Lane for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| 30 | To Simon Davis for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| 30 | To David Page for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| 30 | To Elihu B. Lane for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| 30 | To Wm Webber for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| 30 | To Stephen Lane for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| April 3 | To Wm Chandler for 2 cords wood for the new land | 7 |
| | in the center school | 44 |

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| April 8 th 1812 | To Joshua Page for sweeping the Meeting house for the 1811 | \$ | 24 |
| | and for mending school house | | |
| 8 | To John Hudson for 4 feet of wood for the school | + 4 | 32 |
| 13 | To Stephen Lane for boarding school Master & 3 pupils | + 1 | 88 |
| 20 | To Stephen Lane for glass to repair the school house | + 14 | 24 |
| May 3 | To Zebulon Vincent for repair of the North school house | + 2 | 16 |
| 6 th | To Joshua Page, taxed one foot too much, through mistake | + 2 | 58 |
| 28 | To the Selectmen by order of the town to pay the soldiers, detached from the Militia Company pay on the 28 th of May A.D. 1812 | | 28 00 |
| July 5 | To Eliab B. Lane for plank & work at the Cambridge Bridge | 4 | 08 |
| July 6 | To David H. Lane for abatement of him that | 4 | 00 |
| Nov. 2 | To Betsey S. Sprague for teaching school 7 weeks & board | 15 | 16 |
| 2 | To Miss Betsey Willson for teaching school 8 weeks & board | 16 | 00 |
| 2 | To Nancy Davis for teaching school 8 weeks & board | 16 | 00 |
| 2 | To Martha Stearns for teaching school 7 weeks | 7 | 58 |
| 2 | To Martha Stearns for do. do. | 7 | 58 |
| 2 | To Timothy Jones for boarding school Mistress 7 weeks | 7 | 58 |
| 2 | To Mary Smith for boarding school Mistress 7 weeks | 7 | 58 |
| Dec. 16 | To Joshua Page for repairing the Cambridge and North school houses & the Meeting house windows | 12 | 76 |
| January 4 th 1813 | To Eliab B. Lane for plank for Cambridge bridge | 5 | 00 |
| 4 | To Mary Smith for wood at the North school | 0 | 50 |
| 11 | To Wm. Stearns for liquor &c. for the Committee on Chelmsford road | 8 | 19 |
| 13 | To David Fitch for his services as collector for the year 1811 | 30 | 00 |
| 16 | To John Budget for his services as assessor for 1812 | 7 | 50 |
| 18 | To Marshall Crosby for his service in supervising the Chelmsford road 8.50. for cash paid for Council 16.00 | 29 | 50 |
| | and for timber to repair the mill bridge 5.00 | | |
| 19 | To Thomeas Bacon &c for his services as above | 12 | 75 |
| 20 | To James Webber a collector for cash to pay for the support of the wife of John Croft at Groton | 20 | 00 |
| 21 | To Wm. Page for making guide boards and repairing school houses | 3 | 27 |
| Feb. 8 | To James Webber a collector for cash to pay Mr. Wheeler for teaching school in the M. Dist. | 28 | 00 |
| 18 | To Nathaniel Page for support of James Cadman & wife above what is allowed by the Cambridge committee | 2 | 00 |
| 18 | To Eliab B. Lane for one cord wood to the west school | 3 | 50 |
| 26 | To John Merriam for services as assessor 7 th and for cash paid to Mr. Hear for council 8 th | 10 | 00 |
| 26 | To Wm. Webber for his services as assessor 9 th for clock 130. for boarding Mr. Goodwin's family 4.00 for post. for Dr. Goodwin 1.00. for putting up guide board | 32 | 95 |
| 083 | | | 283 81 |

| 1813 | | Orders 1813. | \$ - C | |
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| 26 | to | Wm. Mount, liquor expended by the selectmen and wood Committee | + 6 | 86 |
| 26 | to | Moses Fitch, for his services as town treasurer | 9 | 00 |
| 26 | to | C. David Reed for cash a journey to Groton and cash paid for the support of J. P. Reed 4.15 and 3 days attendance with the County Commrs on the Chelmsford road. 4.00. | + 8 | 45 |
| 26 | to | Simon Blodgett for making cartridges | + 1 | 75 |
| March 2 | to | Ethan Brown for 4 cords wood for Mr. Stearns | + 14 | 80 |
| 2 | to | Luther Lane for 2 cords of wood for Mr. Stearns | + 7 | 40 |
| 2 | to | James Gleason for plank to repair the bridge near his mill | + 4 | 00 |
| 3 | to | Simon Davis for 4 cords wood for Mr. Stearns | + 14 | 60 |
| 3 | to | Stephen Lane for 4 cords wood for Mr. Stearns | + 14 | 80 |
| 3 | to | Leel Sprague for 2 cords wood for Mr. Stearns | + 7 | 40 |
| 5 | to | Eliab B. Lane one cord pine wood to the East School | + 3 | 00 |
| 5 | to | Wm. Gooding one cord oak wood to the East School | + 3 | 70 |
| 5 | to | Eliab B. Lane one cord pine wood to the South School | + 2 | 85 |
| 5 | to | Jeriah Hill one cord oak wood to the South School | + 3 | 75 |
| 5 | to | Jeriah Hill one cord pine wood to the North School | + 2 | 50 |
| 5 | to | Stephen Lane one cord oak wood to the North School | + 3 | 40 |
| 5 | to | Eliab B. Lane one cord pine wood to the West School | + 2 | 85 |
| 5 | to | Leel Sprague one cord Maple wood to the Center School | + 3 | 60 |
| 5 | to | David Am. Norton for lettering gun barrels | + 1 | 25 |
| 5 | to | David Lane for labour in repairing the North School house | + 5 | 50 |
| 5 | to | Benjamin Simonds for 6 weeks tuition in the South School & board | + 33 | 00 |
| 5 | to | Benj. Simonds for 6 weeks tuition in the West School, & board | + 33 | 00 |
| 6 | to | Moses Fitch for pine & plank to repair the East School house | + 1 | 60 |
| 6 | to | Leel Sprague for boarding School Master 7 weeks | + 12 | 25 |
| 6 | to | Thompson for 2 feet extra wood for the school | + 9 | 90 |
| 6 | to | John Miller for boarding School Master 6 weeks | + 10 | 50 |
| 6 | to | Benjamin Baungr for extra wood to the East School | + 6 | 47 |
| 6 | to | Leel Sprague for boarding School Master 6 weeks and for boarding School Master in part | + 12 | 58 |
| 12 | to | James Webster collector for cash to pay School Master | + 22 | 30 |
| April 6 th | to | Levi Willson for repairing the West School house | + 3 | 50 |
| 6 | to | Wm. Stearns the expense of the selectmen & Committee | + 2 | 00 |
| 6 | to | John Reed for taking care of the Meeting house | + 3 | 75 |
| 6 | to | Ethan Brown for timber to repair barlink bridge | + 9 | 80 |
| 6 | to | David Reed for do. do. | + 10 | 60 |
| 6 | to | Moses Fitch for do. do. | + 6 | 20 |
| 6 | to | Eliab Stearns & Co for Cloathing for James Carter over & above what was allowed by the Comt. | + 11 | 70 |
| | | | 30 | 1 81 |

April 15th 1813 to Elijah Putnam for the statement of Joseph Pierce then for the year 1808. } + 2..52

19 to John Harrison for cash to pay the board of Misses
hired from going to Boston & for cash to purchase a book

May 5 to Eliab B Lane for timber & work at the bridge
bridge in part } 11.19

5 to Eliab B. Lane for do. in part } 4.60

5 to Eliab B. Lane for do. in part } 6.50

5 to Eliab B. Lane for do. in part } 17.75

5 to Eliab B. Lane for do. in part } 4.90

6 to Madsden Smith for the cord wood for the Minister } 11.10

6 to Madsden Smith for one cord wood for the Minister } 2.70

6 to James Lane for timber for bridge } 4.20

6 to Madsden Smith for timber for do. } 3.40

6 to Luke Lane for do } 1.25

6 to Elijah Starnes & for ropes used at the bridge } 1.08

6 to David Price for Smithing for the bridge } 3.12

6 to Jonathan Lane for ten days work at bridge } 10.00

6 to Joseph Brown for ten days work at do. } 10.00

6 to Madsden Smith for two days work at do. } 1.75

7 to Nathl Brown for timber & work at bridge } 1.00

7 to Nathl Brown for do. } 2.00

7 to Nathl Brown for do. } 5.00

7 to Nathl Brown for do. } 5.00

7 to Nathl Brown for do. } 5.00

7 to Nathl Brown for do. } 5.00

7 to Nathl Brown for do. in full } 6.31

10 to Eliab B Lane for work & timber at the bridge } 15.00

10 to Eliab B Lane for do. in full since Dec. 1812 } 9.15

10 to Eliab B Lane for work, plank & timber for the
up pair of bridge before Dec. 1812 } 7.75

22 to Oliver Pollard for work at the bridge } 0.85

22 to David Lane for work at the bridge in part } 14.32

22 to David Lane for do. in full } 8.48

June 16 to James Webb, Collector for cash \$30. to pay the
indent to the Hon of Shew-John North & H. H. to pay the
board of Dinah a Negro - now at Concord } 40.00

22 to Oliver Pollard for the rent of L. B. Greenhouse
for Maria Goodwin the first winter } 4.00

22 to Allen Smith for cash to pay a bill of 100
shilling for the first winter } 40.00

August 26 to Elijah Starnes & for Nails, Sattles &
to repair the North School house } 1.27

October 11th 1818

| | |
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| To Thos ^d Davis for his winter tax - | X 4. 00 |
| To James Walker for his winter tax for 1812 - | X 3. 50 |
| To Jacob Porter for 12 weeks tuition in the school - | X 1. 00 |
| To John Lamb for boarding school winter 1812 - | X 1. 00 |
| To Nancy Davis for 12 weeks tuition in the winter school - | X 1. 00 |
| To Abel Porter for boarding school winter 1812 - | X 1. 00 |
| To Nancy Davis for 12 weeks tuition in the winter school - | X 1. 00 |
| School & board - | X 2. 41 |
| To Sally Giff for 12 weeks tuition in the winter school & board - | X 2. 41 |
| To James Walker collector for back to Purchase the house & land that the wife of John Giff live on in the town of Groton, agreeably to the law - | X 5. 00 |
| 1818 Jan ^y 17 th to James Page for repairing school house in part - | X 12. 00 |
| 17 To James Page for do. in full - | X 8. 25 |
| 18 To David Giff for mending school for the winter - | X 1. 50 |
| 18 To William Walker for mending the school house - | X 5. 00 |
| 18 To John Morris for 2 cords wood to the south corner - | X 7. 50 |
| 18 To John Walker for liquor expended at the road near Cole Richardson's - | X 5. 00 |
| 18 To Jacob Giff for one cord wood found at the school - | X 7. 50 |
| 18 To Stephen Lane for one cord wood to the school - | X 5. 75 |
| 18 To Elizabeth Lane for one cord wood to the west school - | X 5. 75 |
| 18 To Elizabeth Lane for one cord wood to the east school - | X 4. 25 |
| 20 To Moses Smith for cash for support of Linah & block - | X 25. 00 |
| 24 To John Giff for plank for outside bridge - | X 4. 00 |
| Feb ^y 1 st To Col Silas Richardson for building a road near his house in part - | X 30. 00 |
| 12 To John Walker for boarding school winter 12 weeks - | X 15. 00 |
| 14 To John Giff for cash to pay for the garden in - | X 41. 97 |
| March 4 To Moses Smith for 12 cords wood at Treasurer - | X 9. 00 |
| 4 To Elizabeth Giff for 12 cords wood for the winter - | X 50. 00 |
| 4 To Jacob Giff for 2 cords wood for the winter - | X 8. 40 |
| 4 To James Giff for 2 cords wood for the winter - | X 8. 40 |
| 4 To James Davis for 2 cords wood for the winter - | X 8. 40 |
| 4 To Stephen Lane for 2 cords wood for the winter - | X 8. 40 |
| 4 To John Walker for his services as super in part - | X 10. 00 |
| 4 To John Walker for do. & block in full - | X 21. 00 |

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| March 4 1814 to Kimoth's Page for no service as | | |
| officer & one dollar paid for support of Poor - | x 10 | 83 |
| 4 To John Merriam & dollar for service as school | | |
| & 68 62 for cash to purchase linen & jammy to Boston &c. | x 14 | 62 |
| 4 to Elijah Stearns Esq for Baire for Dineh 2. 72 | | |
| and the expense of the Committee who superintended | x 3 | 42 |
| Mr Goodwin's honor @ 50 | | |
| 4 to Wm Porter for the Delegates & Committee of 3. | x 3 | 30 |
| 7 to Capt James Davis for maring cartridges - | x 1 | 40 |
| 8 to Dr. Nathaniel Hayward for 5 feet to the west school | x 2 | 40 |
| 21 to John Merriam for cash for the support of M. 2. 23 | x 23 | 67 |
| April 5 To Rodley Bowen for boarding school Master & weeks | x 14 | 00 |
| 5 To Jacob Gragg for boarding school Master & weeks - | x 14 | 00 |
| 5 To Joseph Brown for boarding school Master & weeks | x 16 | 00 |
| 5 To Jacob Gragg for extra wood for & repairing the school house | x 2 | 33 |
| 5 To Capt. Cal. a Hammer for extra wood repairing the school h. &c. | x 1 | 45 |
| 4 To Henry Linond if for 8 weeks & board in the south school | x 14 | 00 |
| May 11 To John Mudd for sweeping the Meeting house &c. for 1813. | x 3 | 75 |
| 21 To Capt. Elijah Shetton for 11 weeks tuition in | | |
| the East School, & board - | x 63 | 26 |
| July 11 to John Fitch for Interest and M. - | x 3 | 00 |
| Sept 5 to Thad. Davis for his Minster tax | x 5 | 00 |
| 13 to Silly Buttrick for support of Dineh in full to the date | x 13 | 00 |
| Nov 4 to Silly Buttrick for do. - doing full service | x 4 | 50 |
| 2 to Oliver Davis Jr for service with the Militia | x 10 | 07 |
| with a baggage waggon to Boston 3 days &c | x 8 | 07 |
| 2 Luke Lane for do. to do - do - | | |
| 2 to John Mudd Jr for making 19 hundred cartridges | x 5 | 50 |
| and perambulating towns & commons &c | | |
| 15 to Solomon Lane for 40 w ^{ts} fork for the Militia when | x 8 | 00 |
| ordered to march to Boston | | |
| 6 to Betsey Sprague for 12 weeks tuition in the East | x 27 | 00 |
| School and board - | | |
| 6 to Betsey Sprague for 12 weeks tuition in the | x 27 | 00 |
| West School and board - | | |
| 14 to James Webber a Collector for cash for support of Dineh | x 9 | 00 |
| 14 to Braden Bowers for boarding Dineh to Dec. 13. | x 9 | 00 |
| 14 to James Webber for service as collector for 1813. | x 35 | 00 |
| 19 to Wm Porter for liquer expended for the Militia | x 2 | 58 |
| when called to march to Boston | | |
| 19 to Capt John Mudd for cash paid at Billinea for the | x 4 | 00 |
| Company when ordered to march there | | |
| 27 to James Webber a collector for John covering | | |
| tax for 1812. 3. 70 for Wm Richardson, tax for 1813 | x 5 | 75 |
| 3. 05 & for left in money 2. 00 | | |

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 1814
 Order to Detached Soldiers as voted by the town
 December 19th to John Bacon for 2 months & 6 days service \$11-00
 24 to James Clark for 2 months & 6 days service +11-00
 26 to Jeremiah Hutchinson for 2 months & 6 days service +11-00
 Jan^r 24 to Elisha Brown for 3 months service - +15-00
 Feb^r 13 to Ebenezer Hayward for 2 months & 6 days service +17-00
 20 to C. D. Dred for 3 months service - +15-00
 Mar^r 19 to Moses Page for 2 months & 6 days service +18-00

1815 January 4th To Elisha B. Lane for plank for barhile bridge
 and also for work on the same, & for a lock for the same +15-69
 in full to December 1st 1814
 4 to Elisha Stearns for cloth for Indian a shaver & 3 more
 and for shirt, broad & cuff, for the Militia when
 ordered to march to Boston, Sept^r 5, 1814 +44-08
 23 to Thompson Bacon, Guardian for Wm. Merriam's
 part for printing, bought of him for plank to repair
 for barhile bridge - +37-41
 25 to Nancy Davis for 12 weeks tuition in the South
 School, & board - +27
 28 to James Webber a collector for the amount of
 Union Gardaine highway tax for Apr^l 20-1812 +1-71
 46 to Bradley Bowen for support of Union in
 full to the 25 of January +9-1
 20 to James Webber collector for amount of support of Sep^t +4-85
 21 to Thompson Bacon for Timber to repair
 barhile bridge - +0-11
 March 3rd to John Merriam for services as a soldier & soldier
 3 to John Merriam for provisions furnished the Militia when
 called to march to Boston Nov^r 76 & shadow a load of hay to militia +18-96
 3 to William Wilberger services as a soldier for cloth 1800 +33-29
 3 to John Webber for perambulating town lines 2 day - +2-00
 3 to James Wright for boarding singing Master - +4-00
 3 to Timothy Page for services as a teacher - +6-12
 3 to Timothy Page for a journey to Bridgewater & Portland
 to make inquiries respecting foremanish the ad- expenses +10-50
 3 to Wm. Porter for the expenses of the Selectmen's Committee +5-20
 3 to Moses Ditch for services as Treasurer - +9-00
 2 to Elisha Stearns for 2 cord wood used at school +7-00
 3 to do. for 1 1/2 cord wood for the center school +7-72

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to David Lane for his services repairing Carlisle
Bridge & cutting timber for plank in full to this date \$8.75

3 to Abel Pollard for chopping logs for plank for the bridge 2.00

3 to Josiah S. Lane for do. 3 days - - - 3.00

3 to do. for sleading logs to the mill for plank + 4.00

3 to Oliver Pollard for sleading 2 loads for do. + 4.00

3 to Eleazer Davis Jr for do. 1 - do. for do. + 2.00

3 to Atis Thud for do. - do. - 1 - do. for do. + 2.00

3 to Mather Hayward for do. 1/2 do. for do. + 3.00

3 to Jonathan Lane for do. 2 - do. for do. + 4.00

3 to Saml Sage for sawing 1 log 1 day - - - + 1.25

4 to Wm Walber for one cord of wood to the West school house or tract + 4.75

4 to Joel Gileason for one cord pine wood to the North school + 4.75

4 to James Wright for one cord oak wood to the North school + 4.75

4 to Luke Chase for one cord pine wood to the South school + 4.60

4 to Luke Lane for one cord pine wood to the South school + 4.75

4 to Asa Mead for one cord oak wood to the South school + 1.75

4 to R. Smith for one cord oak wood to the South school + 1.75

10 to Joshua Page for repairing fence School Lane - - - + 19.90

27 to Thompson Bacon in full for timber for Cal. Bridge + 7.22

April 6 to Jonathan Lane for bearing school Whittys - - - + 12.00

11 to Bradley Bowen for support of Church in front - - - + 6.00

13 to Benjamin Simonds Jr for 8 weeks tuition in the
West school & board also 8 weeks in the South school & board } + 92.00

14 to Bradley Bowen for support of Church in front - - - + 6.00

19 to Eliza Stearns for two cords wood for the Minister + 33.56

19 to Jacob Jagg for 6 cords wood to the Minister and
6 feet extra wood to the North school + 33.56

20 to Simon Davis for 12 cords wood for the Minister - - - + 7.75

20 to Stephen Lane for 14 cords wood for the Minister + 19.70

20 to Asa Mead for 14 feet wood for the Minister + 8.32

20 to Loel Sprague for 13 feet wood for the Minister + 9.19

20 to William Page for 2 cords wood for the Minister + 7.70

20 to Asa Mead for extra wood to the West school house + 1.00

28 to Joshua Page for sweeping the meeting house floor + 5.25

May 1 to Thompson Bacon for sleading 1 yoke micks for Bridge + 3.00

1 to John Briggs for do. do. - - - - - + 3.00

1 to Eliot Lane for sleading 1 yoke for plank for the Bridge + 10.08

1 to David Pitcher for one barrel Nye's cement for the Phalox 1.17

1 to Bradley Bowen for support of Church in front - - - + 7.00

1 to Jonathan Lane for getting plank from the Mill + 5.33

1 to the Bridge - - - - - do. - - - - - + 5.00

1 to Jacob Jagg for - - - do. - - - - -

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|------|----------------------------|--|--------|------|
| 1815 | May 11 | to James Wright for boarding school in part | + 12 | 00 |
| | 4 | to James Wright for do. in full | + 4 | 00 |
| | July 9 | to John Webber for boarding school in part | + 15 | 00 |
| | 3 | to Prudence Davis for her Minister tax | + 5 | 00 |
| | 3 | to Eliah Lane for extra work on the road | + 3 | 75 |
| | August 16 | to Benj ^r Bacon for repairing the Meeting house ^{door} window | + 2 | 50 |
| | * Sep ^r 5 | to James Webber collector for cash for, rep ^r of f ^m May | + 30 | 00 |
| | * Nov ^r 10 | to Simon Stann. for sawing plank 3055 feet for | } + 19 | 47 |
| | | the repair of Carville's Bridge in full | | |
| | * 11 | to James Webber for service as collector for the year 1814 | + 25 | — |
| | * 18 | to James Webber collector for the abatement of James Marble's | } + 1 | 15 |
| | | Highway tax for 1813, not being wanted to work. | | |
| | * 20 | to Mahamah Lane for 12 weeks tuition & | } — | + 28 |
| | | board in the North School | | |
| | * 20 | to Sally Gragg for 12 weeks in west school | + 13 | 00 |
| | * 20 | to Timothy Jones to boarding school. Mich ^x 12 weeks | } + 16 | 00 |
| | | and wood used in the School | | |
| | * 20 | to Sarah Lane for 12 weeks tuition in South School | + 13 | 00 |
| | * 20 | to Asa Mead for board school Mich ^x 12 weeks | + 14 | — |
| | * 21 | to Asa Mead for 2 feet of wood to the Minister not paid last | + 1 | 18 |
| | * 22 | to Timothy Page in part for of foreman's pay | + 15 | — |
| | * Dec ^r 4 | to Am ^r Meriam for present on a lot of good up of hill. Page 423 | + 17 | 83 |
| | * December 22 | to Lucy Sage for teaching school in part 9. | + 9 | 00 |
| | * 22 | to Lucy Sage for teaching school & board in full | + 20 | 00 |
| | * 28 Jan ^r 1816 | to James Webber collector for cash to pay the board | } + 24 | 00 |
| | * 1 | of Thomas Webber for 2 Bacon while confined in jail for debt | | |
| | * Febr. 9 1816 | to Wm Porter for the Selectmen's expenses | } + 20 | 73 |
| | | and the Committee to procure Mr. Stann wood and also | | |
| | | the Committee appointed to let out the Meeting house | | |
| | * 19 | to James Webber collector for the abatement of Timothy Duck's | + 2 | 70 |
| | | poll tax & Henry Stann. for 1812 & 1814 | | |
| | * 20 | to Joshua Page for Coffin for Mr. Page & mending Meeting house window | + 2 | 67 |
| | * 20 | to Benj ^r Simonds for for Phine ^s to cover the cushion in the desk | + 1 | 50 |
| | * 20 | to Henry Hitch one cord wood to the Middle school | + 4 | — |
| | * 20 | to John Meriam one cord wood to the South school | + 4 | — |
| | * 20 | to Eliah Lane one cord wood to the North school | + 7 | 65 |
| | * 20 | to John Hill two cords wood to the South school | + 7 | 50 |
| | * 20 | to Peter Page one cord wood to the North school | + 3 | 70 |
| | * 20 | to Lot Bird one cord wood to the East school | + 3 | 75 |
| | * 20 | to William Webber one cord wood to the East school | + 3 | 50 |

| 3055 put planed boards bought the logs sawed & brought to the bridge 1814.03 | | | |
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| 1814 | May 30 | to Bradley Bowen for support of Dinah in part | x 5 00 |
| | July 14 | to Bradley Bowen for do in part | x 5 00 |
| | August 17 | to Bradley Bowen for do in part | x 5 00 |
| | Nov. 11 | to Bradley Bowen in full for support of Dinah to Nov. 28. 1815 | x 23 56 |
| | Dec. 18 | to Bradley Bowen for support of Dinah in part | x 5 00 |
| | 1816 | to do | x 5 00 |
| | 1817 | to do | x 5 00 |
| | 1818 | to do | x 5 00 |
| | 1819 | to do | x 5 00 |
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| | 1828 | to do | x 5 00 |
| | 1829 | to do | x 5 00 |
| | 1830 | to do | x 5 00 |
| | 1831 | to do | x 5 00 |
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Orders 1816.

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| May 6 | to John Reed for support of Daniel Webster in part | 20 | 00 |
| 6 | to Do. in part | 15 | 00 |
| 6 | to Do. in full to this date | 10 | 33 |
| 7 | to Elijah Stearns & Co for 4 cords wood for the Minister | 15 | 00 |
| 10 | to Josiah Hill for 4 cords wood for the Church and Stearns | 16 | 00 |
| 10 | to Josiah Hill for 4 cords wood for Do | 15 | 30 |
| 10 | to Alfred Smith for 4 cords wood for Do | 16 | 00 |
| 17 | to Capt John Reed for support of Daniel Webster in part | 7 | 50 |
| 17 | to Josiah Lane for extra wood & repairing school house | 6 | 00 |
| 27 | to Mr Stearns for taking care of the Meeting House to this date | 4 | 00 |
| August 9 th | to John Reed for board of Daniel Webster in full to his death | 22 | 50 |
| 26 | to Miss Richardson for 12 weeks tuition in the East school | 12 | 86 |
| Sept 9 | to Joseph Payer for repairing the school house & for coffee for Webster | 23 | 25 |
| 13 | to Capt David Reed for building a nursery house at the center school | 14 | 00 |
| 13 | to Capt David Reed for 4 cords wood to the Minister in part | 14 | 00 |
| 19 | to Dr Amariah Patten for Medical aid administered to James Pray in full to Daniel Webster in full to May 22 1816. per spec | 6 | 80 |
| 28 | to Aaron Fitch in full for stones he brought on the common for the New Meeting house as allowed him by the selectmen | 7 | 00 |
| 28 | to Mother Hayward for 4 feet wood to the west school | 1 | 75 |
| Oct 21 | to Hannah Meriam for instruction | 9 | 62 |
| 21 | to John Reed for support of Daniel Webster in full | 3 | 09 |
| 23 | to Thaddeus Fitch in full for wood for the Minister | 1 | 80 |
| 31 | to John Meriam for boarding School Mistress 12 weeks | 15 | |
| 31 | to Amos J. Jones for boarding School Mistress 12 weeks | 15 | |
| 31 | to Abel Pollard for boarding School Mistress 12 weeks | 15 | |
| 31 | to Sarah Lane for 12 weeks tuition in the South school | 13 | |
| 31 | to Sarah Lane for board while teaching the Center school 12 weeks | 15 | |
| 31 | to Sarah Lane for 12 weeks tuition in the Center school | 15 | |
| 31 | to John Webber for boarding School Mistress 12 weeks | 18 | |
| 31 | to David Fitch a collector for the abatement of Samuel Meriam, Jonas Meriam, & John Davidson's taxes for 1815. | 16 | 96 |
| 31 | to Elijah Stearns for 6 cords wood for the Town & for and several other incidental charges | 14 | 88 |
| Nov 5 | to Hacks. Heston men collector for cash to purchase a stove for the Center school house | 25 | |
| 30 | to Jesse Robinson for digging a grave for Mr. David Webster | 5 | 25 |
| Dec 16 | to Col. Silas Richardson for making the road from Billings line near his house to the Middle we Turnpike in full | 4 | 00 |
| 30 | to the Treas. Adm ^t of the County of Franklin for cash paid for the board of Lot Reed while in goal for Debt | 11 | 31 |
| 1817 Jan 31 | to David Fitch a collector for cash to pay the school Master in the East school | 18 | 00 |

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| No. | Item | Amount | Total |
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| 25 | To David Smith for services as collector for the year 1815. | 3. 00 | |
| 26 | To Joshua Page for one cord maple wood to the Center School house | 4. 00 | |
| 27 | To John Meriam for one cord pine wood to the Center School house | 4. 00 | |
| 28 | To Paul Smith for two cords wood to the Center School house | 6. 00 | |
| 29 | To David Smith for two cords wood to the Center School house | 6. 00 | |
| 30 | To Zebulon Linde for two cords wood to the Center School house | 6. 00 | |
| 31 | To L. H. Hays for two cords wood to the Center School house | 6. 00 | |
| 32 | To John M. Brown for services as a school teacher for the year 1815. | 9. 00 | |
| 33 | To W. H. Barker for services as a clerk and scribe for the year 1815. | 31. 50 | |
| 34 | To Joel Pearson for cutting 2 cords wood at the Center School | 1. 00 | |
| 35 | To John Meriam for services as a collector | 4. 00 | |
| 36 | To James Webber a collector for cash paid for support of the school | 9. 00 | |
| 37 | To Peter Smith for his services as a collector for 1816. | 11. 00 | |
| 38 | To Bradley Bowen for support of the school in 1817. | 5. 00 | |
| 39 | To Bradley Bowen for support of the school in 1818. | 5. 00 | |
| 40 | To Bradley Bowen for support of the school in 1819. | 5. 00 | |
| 41 | To David Smith a collector for the school in 1820. | 12. 00 | |
| 42 | To John Smith for the school in 1821. | 12. 00 | |
| 43 | To John Smith for the school in 1822. | 12. 00 | |
| 44 | To John Smith for the school in 1823. | 12. 00 | |
| 45 | To John Smith for the school in 1824. | 12. 00 | |
| 46 | To John Smith for the school in 1825. | 12. 00 | |
| 47 | To John Smith for the school in 1826. | 12. 00 | |
| 48 | To John Smith for the school in 1827. | 12. 00 | |
| 49 | To John Smith for the school in 1828. | 12. 00 | |
| 50 | To John Smith for the school in 1829. | 12. 00 | |
| 51 | To John Smith for the school in 1830. | 12. 00 | |
| 52 | To John Smith for the school in 1831. | 12. 00 | |
| 53 | To John Smith for the school in 1832. | 12. 00 | |
| 54 | To John Smith for the school in 1833. | 12. 00 | |
| 55 | To John Smith for the school in 1834. | 12. 00 | |
| 56 | To John Smith for the school in 1835. | 12. 00 | |
| 57 | To John Smith for the school in 1836. | 12. 00 | |
| 58 | To John Smith for the school in 1837. | 12. 00 | |
| 59 | To John Smith for the school in 1838. | 12. 00 | |
| 60 | To John Smith for the school in 1839. | 12. 00 | |
| 61 | To John Smith for the school in 1840. | 12. 00 | |
| 62 | To John Smith for the school in 1841. | 12. 00 | |
| 63 | To John Smith for the school in 1842. | 12. 00 | |
| 64 | To John Smith for the school in 1843. | 12. 00 | |
| 65 | To John Smith for the school in 1844. | 12. 00 | |
| 66 | To John Smith for the school in 1845. | 12. 00 | |
| 67 | To John Smith for the school in 1846. | 12. 00 | |
| 68 | To John Smith for the school in 1847. | 12. 00 | |
| 69 | To John Smith for the school in 1848. | 12. 00 | |
| 70 | To John Smith for the school in 1849. | 12. 00 | |
| 71 | To John Smith for the school in 1850. | 12. 00 | |
| 72 | To John Smith for the school in 1851. | 12. 00 | |
| 73 | To John Smith for the school in 1852. | 12. 00 | |
| 74 | To John Smith for the school in 1853. | 12. 00 | |
| 75 | To John Smith for the school in 1854. | 12. 00 | |
| 76 | To John Smith for the school in 1855. | 12. 00 | |
| 77 | To John Smith for the school in 1856. | 12. 00 | |
| 78 | To John Smith for the school in 1857. | 12. 00 | |
| 79 | To John Smith for the school in 1858. | 12. 00 | |
| 80 | To John Smith for the school in 1859. | 12. 00 | |
| 81 | To John Smith for the school in 1860. | 12. 00 | |
| 82 | To John Smith for the school in 1861. | 12. 00 | |
| 83 | To John Smith for the school in 1862. | 12. 00 | |
| 84 | To John Smith for the school in 1863. | 12. 00 | |
| 85 | To John Smith for the school in 1864. | 12. 00 | |
| 86 | To John Smith for the school in 1865. | 12. 00 | |
| 87 | To John Smith for the school in 1866. | 12. 00 | |
| 88 | To John Smith for the school in 1867. | 12. 00 | |
| 89 | To John Smith for the school in 1868. | 12. 00 | |
| 90 | To John Smith for the school in 1869. | 12. 00 | |
| 91 | To John Smith for the school in 1870. | 12. 00 | |
| 92 | To John Smith for the school in 1871. | 12. 00 | |
| 93 | To John Smith for the school in 1872. | 12. 00 | |
| 94 | To John Smith for the school in 1873. | 12. 00 | |
| 95 | To John Smith for the school in 1874. | 12. 00 | |
| 96 | To John Smith for the school in 1875. | 12. 00 | |
| 97 | To John Smith for the school in 1876. | 12. 00 | |
| 98 | To John Smith for the school in 1877. | 12. 00 | |
| 99 | To John Smith for the school in 1878. | 12. 00 | |
| 100 | To John Smith for the school in 1879. | 12. 00 | |
| 101 | To John Smith for the school in 1880. | 12. 00 | |
| 102 | To John Smith for the school in 1881. | 12. 00 | |
| 103 | To John Smith for the school in 1882. | 12. 00 | |
| 104 | To John Smith for the school in 1883. | 12. 00 | |
| 105 | To John Smith for the school in 1884. | 12. 00 | |
| 106 | To John Smith for the school in 1885. | 12. 00 | |

9. To Brady Bowen for mfg. and bleaching Donahis full to May 5th 1857. X 51.00

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 May 8th 1817, To Elias B. Lane for mending cartails & mending 1868
 and for repairing the school house and setting up the floor \$9. 87
 June 10th To Brad Davis in debtment for his Minister's fee for 1817. + 5. 00
 16. To Bradley Bowen for support of drink in paper - + 6. 00
 16. 90 David Pried for cart Paid for Pull rope & rigging to draw up
 the Pull. - - - - - + 15. 05
 16 To John Meriam for support of Miss Page 22 J. and Let. Pried
 while confined in jail for Debt 1831 - - - - - } + 33. 31
 21. To Bradley Bowen for support of drink in full to June 29. 1817. - + 1. 50
 July 10. To Bradley Bowen for support of drink in part. + 3. 00
 10 To Elias B. Lane for taking care of the school house
 in full to July 10th 1817. } + 15. 00
 + Apr 14 to Joseph Brown for cart paid for support of Helen Park's
 at Boston shun house 3, 18. 2 for bringing said boy from Boston
 + and board 2 weeks 2 days 4. 00. } + 7. 18
 + Oct 20th to Michael Corsey for cart Paid Henry Bennett for 10 weeks
 tuition in the East school - - - - - } + 10. 00
 + 20 to Dan Michael Corsey for work done on the road from
 Carlisle to Lorington. agreeably to a vote of the town } + 15. 00
 + 20 to Herchiah Hutchinson for cart for support
 of Helen Park hunt a hanger - - - - - } + 10. 00
 + 20 to William G. Corsey for work done on the road from
 Carlisle to Lorington - - - - - + 3. 00
 + 20 to John Meriam for support of James Meriam & family + 12. 70
 + 21 to Thomas & Bradley Bowen for support of drink in part + 22. 39
 + 21 to James Webster for work on the road from Carlisle to Lorington + 6. 00
 + 31. to David Pried for 5 weeks Rye. del. James Meriam - + 2. 04
 + Nov 11 to Abel Paltard for boarding school Minister in part + 9. 00
 + 11 to Do, for boarding school Minister for 12 weeks in full } + 6. 00
 + 12 to Amos Paster for attending ^{& mending} in Jonas Meriam in full
 to August 16. 1817 - - - - - } + 14. 27
 + 20 to Roger Pried for work on the road from Carlisle to Lorington + 4. 50
 + 25 to James Webster for boarding school Minister 12 weeks - + 18. 00
 + Dec 1. to Wm Thoms for boarding school Minister 12 weeks - + 15. 00
 + 2 to Herchiah Hutchinson for service as collector for the year 1816. + 36. 50
 + 2 to Herchiah Hutchinson, a collector for the statement of the
 following persons taxes for the year 1816. viz Helen Park on a
 house 4. 30. Amariah Tappett, Poll. 2. 26 Rufus Leonard Poll 2. 26
 Let medd Poll 2. 26 David Thompson, Poll 2. 26. 2^d Benjamin Poll 2. 26.
 Abraham Wilson Poll 2. 26, James Wilson, Poll for 1816 and 1817, + 22. 43
 4. 26 - - - and Rufus Meriam High way tax 0. 81
 + 2^d to Thompson, Quarter for one cord of split wood. in school - + 3. 51

Orders Respecting Meetinghouse & Bell

1817

| | | | |
|---------|---|---------|----|
| July 19 | To Josiah Page for services at the dedication of the Meetinghouse | x 11 | 50 |
| Sept 13 | To Joshua Page for services as committed of worship | x 20 | 50 |
| Oct 20 | To Dan. Michael Crosby for cash paid for trimming the desk and for his services | x 14 | 00 |
| 20 | To Michael Crosby for cash paid towards the Bell | x 25 | 00 |
| 21 | To Elijah Stearns for trimmings for the Desk, liquor & candles of the Jews Order as per account | x 13 | 10 |
| 21 | To Elijah Stearns for services as committed of inspection | x 20 | 00 |
| 21 | To John Webber for do | do x 5 | 00 |
| 21 | To John Page for do | do x 12 | 00 |
| 21 | To Benj ⁿ Baugher for do | do x 5 | 00 |
| 21 | To Simoon Blodgett for do | do x 20 | 00 |
| 21 | To Simoon Blodgett for hanging the Bell and lining materials | x 52 | 23 |
| 31 | To Joseph Brown for sweeping Meetinghouse & cleaning windows | x 1 | 00 |
| 31 | To Jesse Robinson for do. & Ac. | x 1 | 00 |
| Dec 2 | To Nathaniel Baugher for taking acknowledgement of the Deeds of Deeds | x 4 | 30 |
| x 9 | To John Field for teaching School 12 week in South district | x 15 | 00 |
| x 9 | To John Field for teaching School 12 week in North district | x 15 | 00 |
| x 13 | To Benj ⁿ Baugher for repairing & painting school house by agreement of the Selectmen & are sent of 12 for the | x 15 | 40 |
| x 13 | To Michael Crosby for 2 cords wood at the East School | x 6 | 70 |
| x 4 | To Elijah Stearns for 2 cords wood for the School | x 2 | 83 |
| x 4 | To Hebedeus Simons for one cord of wood for the Central School | x 3 | 70 |
| x 4 | To Hous Tuttle for 2 cords wood for the North School | x 6 | 00 |
| x 4 | To Hous Tuttle for 2 cords of wood for the School | x 6 | 00 |
| x 4 | To William Page for setting 16 posts in front of the Meetinghouse | x 17 | 00 |
| x 7 | To Hezekiah Hutchinson for the statement of Isaac Harrington | x 2 | 00 |
| | all the date September 24 th 1817 | | |
| x 9 | To Joshua Page for Coffin for Simon Parker & moving School house | x 6 | 25 |
| x 9 | To Levi Wilson for two Coffins for Abner & Charles family | x 4 | 75 |
| x 16 | To Madry Mowsey for support of Mission | x 0 | 00 |
| x 16 | To Madry Mowsey for support of Mission | x 0 | 61 |
| x 16 | To James Wright for taking care of the Meetinghouse & inquiring Bell in part | x 0 | 00 |
| x 21 | To Benj ⁿ Baugher for 87 lbs of for Jonas & Moriam a pauper | x 5 | 00 |
| x 24 | To Benj ⁿ Baugher for the new meeting house & the school & in part | x 1 | 00 |

1841 Orders for feeding the Garrison.

Sept. 26 to Capt John Reed for work on the Commens.

Oct 4 to Charles Davis for for Do.

16. to Joseph Webber for do.

20. to Stephen Lane for Do.

20. to Wm J. Simonds Jr for Do.

20 to Eliab B. Lane for Do.

20 to Capt Simeon Page for Do.

20 to John Reed for Do.

20 to Jesse Robinson for Do.

20 to Alfred B. Webb for Do.

20 to Benjamin Reed for Do.

20 to Josiah Hill for Do.

20 to Sampson Hamilton for Do.

20 to Simon Stearns for Do.

20 to Maus Hatch Jr for Do.

20 to Jonathan Lane for Do.

20 to Samuel Lane for Do.

20 to Uriah Goodwin for Do.

20 to Eben Pollard for Do.

20 to David Lane for Do.

20 to Solomon Lane for Do.

20 to Oliver W. Lane for Do.

20 to Lucia Mudge for Do.

20 to Oliver Pollard for Do.

20 to Hiram H. Hutchinson for Do.

20 to Elijah S. Smith for do & liquor & Bavelle ^{the same} expended on X 2 1 69

20 to Dea. Michael Crosby for do.

20 to William Goodridge for Do.

21 to Mather Hayward for Do.

21 to Jacob Gray for do.

21 to Isaac C. Davis for do.

21 to Capt Otis Reed for do.

21 to John Webber for do.

21 to Benjamin Bacon Jr for do.

21 to James Webber for Do.

21 to William Webber for Do.

21 to Capt. David Reed for do.

21 to Asa Page Jr for do.

21 to Capt. John Page for do.

21 to John Merriam for do.

21 to Capt. Elijah Shulton for do.

21 to David Litch for do.

21 to Francis Wilson for do.

21 to John B. Wilson for do.

21 to P. Simon Blodgett for do.

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1817 Order for levelling the Common Continued.

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| 21 | to Thomas Wilson for work on the Common | X | 17 |
| 21 | to James Wilson for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 21 | to John Temple for do. | X | 1 50 |
| 21 | to Mrs. Fitch for do. | X | 1 50 |
| 21 | to Thompson Bacon for do. | X | 3 30 |
| 21 | to Joel Fitch for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 21 | to Joel Lyman for do. | X | 0 50 |
| 21 | to Da. James Wright for do. | X | 2 33 |
| 21 | to James Wright Jr for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 21 | to Roger Smith for do. | X | 1 50 |
| 21 | to John Page for do. | X | 1 67 |
| 21 | to William Page for do. | X | 1 33 |
| 21 | to Joseph Brown for do. | X | 1 50 |
| 21 | to John Proctor for do. | X | 2 00 |
| 21 | to John Bacon for do. | X | 1 50 |
| 21 | to Levi Wilson for do. | X | 50 |
| 21 | to Dyer Sleeper for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 21 | to Samuel Hartwell for do. | X | 1 50 |
| 21 | to Jonas Putnam for do. | X | 3 00 |
| 21 | to Joseph Hartwell for do. | X | 3 00 |
| 21 | to Asa Mead for do. | X | 2 00 |
| 21 | to William Hartwell for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 21 | to Da. Mead Jr for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 21 | to Ebenezer Simeon for do. | X | 3 00 |
| 21 | to Moses Page for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 31 | to Bradley Bowen for do. | X | 90 |
| 31 | to William Porter for do. | X | 1 88 |
| 31 | to David Price for do. | X | 1 75 |
| 31 | to Orr Am. Chilson for do. | X | 2 00 |
| 31 | to Loel Sprague for do. | X | 1 66 |
| 1 | to Joshua Bag for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 1 | to Daniel Fitch for do. | X | 1 00 |
| 1 | to Isaac Willson for do. | X | 00 30 |
| 1 | to John Hosmer for do. | X | 00 50 |
| 1 | to Asa Porter for do. | X | 01 00 |
| 1 | to Job Lane for do. | X | 10 50 |
| 1 | to Marshal Prestor for do. | X | 01 00 |
| 1 | to Mosy Simon for do. | X | 00 50 |
| 1 | to Almond Fitch for do. | X | 00 30 |
| 1 | to Timothy Jones for do. | X | 02 00 |
| 1 | to Josiah Reed for do. | X | 01 00 |
| 1 | to John Jones for do. | X | 00 23 |
| 1 | to Marthar Hayward for do. | X | 02 50 |

Orders 1817.

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| Decem ^r 4 th 1817 | to Eliza Stearns & for work on the road from Cardile to Lexington | 1 | 00 |
| 4 | to James Wright Jr for Do. | X 1 | 00 |
| 4 | to Joel Hatch for Do. | X 1 | 00 |
| 4 | to Oliver W Lane for Do. | | |
| 4 | to Joel Sprague for Do. | X 2 | 00 |
| 4 | to Joseph Brown for Do. | X 6 | 00 |
| 4 | to Walter Hayward for Do. | X 4 | 50 |
| 4 | to Stephen Lane for Do. | X 4 | 00 |
| 4 | to Eleazer Davis Jr for Do. | X 6 | 00 |
| 4 | to Capt. John Reed for Do. | X 7 | 75 |
| 4 | to D ^r Shelden for Do. | X 2 | 00 |
| 4 | to Benjn Reed for Do. | X 4 | 00 |
| 4 | to John Meriam for Do. | X 1 | 00 |
| 4 | to Capt David Reed for Do. | X 12 | 75 |
| + 4 | to Elise B Lane for Do. | X 20 | 50 |
| + 5 | to Joseph Brown for cash for repairs on his wagon | X 20 | 00 |
| + 22 | to Jesse Robinson for digging grave for Sarah Porter 2.50 | X 5 | 50 |
| | and mowing the burial in the burying yard 3.00 | | |
| + 9 th Jan ^y 1818 | Joseph Wilber for 4 days work on Abner Mudgetts house | X 4 | 00 |
| + 13 | to Mary Sprague for 12 weeks tuition in the west school | X 15 | 00 |
| + 13 | to Joel Sprague for boarding school mistress 12 weeks | X 15 | 00 |
| + 1818 | Febr. 2 to Heph ^t Hunt his son collector for cash to pay school master who taught in the East district. | X 36 | 00 |
| X | to Samuel Robinson for cash to pay school master | X 7 | 00 |
| + 24 | to John Wilber for services as school teacher | X 20 | 25 |
| + 24 | to John Meriam for supplies furnished for the year 1817 | X 11 | 15 |
| + 24 | to John Meriam for services as school teacher for the year 1817 | X 8 | 50 |
| X | to John Meriam for services as school teacher | X | 50 |
| + 27 | to N. Thaddeus Davis for his minister tax | X 5 | 00 |
| + 27 | to John Wilber for services as school teacher in part | X 5 | 75 |
| X 28 | to Wm. Mether in full for services as school teacher for the year 1817 and for board for Abner Mudgetts house, 8 wks. board paid, 1 week | X 13 | 00 |
| X | to John Wilber for services as school teacher for the year 1817 | X 12 | 00 |
| X | to Joel Hatch for teaching school in part. | X 20 | 00 |
| X | 24 to Do. for Do. | X 26 | 00 |
| X | to Joel Hatch in full for teaching school 10 weeks in the North & West schools & boarding himself | X 50 | 00 |
| X | 24 to do. in full for teaching school 10 weeks in the Center & South schools & boarding himself | X 90 | 00 |
| 24 | to Joseph Robinson for 9 feet extra wood at the Center school but found nothing the wood for the school | X 5 | 00 |
| 24 | to John Meriam for 4 feet extra wood at the Center | X 1 | 50 |
| 24 | to Joel Sprague for extra wood 3.75 for repairing school house | X 4 | 00 |
| 24 | to Joel Hatch for repairing school house & boarding himself | X 1 | 25 |

School orders 1818.

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| 1818. | | | |
| July 25 | To Wm Webber for cash to pay school Mistrs East district | 40 | 00 |
| August 15 | To Job Lane for work on the road from Lexington to Col. B. 1817 | 2 | 00 |
| 22 | To Nathaniel Brewster for services on the above mentioned road from Chelmsford to Lexington | 16 | 00 |
| Sept 9 | To John Webber for boarding School Master 9 weeks | 18 | 00 |
| 17 | To Joseph Brewster for to pay the school Mistrs & board in Center School | 36 | 00 |
| Oct 21 | To Nancy Townsend for 16 weeks schooling in North district | 14 | 67 |
| 2 | To Wm Hannah Lane for 16 weeks board of school Mistrs North district | 18 | 00 |
| Nov 2 | To Alan Richardson for teaching the west school, 7 weeks | 14 | 58 |
| 18 | To Josiah Hill for wood at the center School | 8 | 21 |
| 26 | To John Jones for boarding School Mistrs 12 weeks South School district | 16 | 00 |
| December 10 | To John Mudg for repairing the west school house in full | 111 | 50 |
| 12 | To Benjamin Simonds Jr for 3 cast iron stoves and furnaces and transport from Boston to Bedford - one for the East, one for the West, and one for the South School districts in part | 82 | 78 |
| 12 | To Benj ^r Simonds Jr in full 1812 in full for the above stoves and 96 cents for one prothos for Jonas Merriam | 2 | 59 |
| 14 | To Joshua Page for repairing the South School house in part | 20 | 00 |
| 14 | To Joshua Page for Do. in part | 15 | 00 |
| 14 | To Joshua Page for Do. in full | 90 | 00 |
| Jan 2 1819 Jan 7. 5 th 1819 | To Jonathan Lane for building a chimney in the North School house, in stead of a stove, as Voted by the Town | 23 | 44 |
| 44 | To Hef. Hestchinsen for cash paid the School Master in the North district in part viz to Ezra O. Gannett | 5 | 62 |
| 19 | To Tim Jones for boarding School Mistrs 17 weeks West School | 20 | 00 |
| Febr 10 | To Timothy Jones for boarding School Master 8 weeks West School dist. | 14 | 27 |
| 10 | To Mather Hayward for wood at the west School district. De. | 8 | 18 |
| 15 | To John Jones for boarding School Master 5 weeks in the South district in part | 10 | 00 |
| 17 | To Wm Page for repairing the East School house in part | 90 | 75 |
| 17 | To Wm Page for. do. do. in part | 20 | 42 |
| 17 | To Wm Page for. do. do. in part | 5 | 85 |
| 18 | To John Webber for boarding School Mistrs East district 10 weeks | 12 | 50 |
| 24 | To Elijah Shotton for cash paid for a book of records East School district | 0 | 62 |
| Sept 16. 1818 | Rebecca Shuffe reupr teaching school in South district | 12 | |
| Febr 5 1819 | Chas Butterfield reupr teaching school in west district | 29 | 50 |
| Febr 18 19 | for tuition and board in the Center School district | 51 | 61 |
| 12 | Augustus Pierce reupr for tuition in the South School district | 18 | 75 |
| 26 | To Tim. Primmans for tuition & board 7 weeks South School district | 38 | 50 |
| 26 | To Josiah Hill for wood &c. being in full of the South School district | 14 | 7 |
| Nov 18 1818 | North School district properation of money | 5 | 62 |

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| October 21 - 1818. To James Wright for extra services occupying meeting house, Mending tower stairs &c. | X | 11 | 70 |
| 21 to Bradley Bowers for support of District in cash | X | 21 | 11 |
| Nov. 2. to H. H. Hutchinson Collector for the abatement of Isaac Harrington, Saml. Graham, Stephen Lang Abraham Allen & Lot Prentiss taxes for 1818 &c. | X | 11 | 00 |
| 11 To Capt David Pile, for work done on the road from Carlisle to Lexington | X | 11 | 00 |
| 11 To John Pried for do. | X | 9 | 00 |
| 11 To Nathl Page Jr for do. | X | 4 | 50 |
| 11 To Oliver Pollard for do. | X | 4 | 50 |
| 11 To Benjamin Pried for do. | X | 5 | 50 |
| 11 To Bro Michael Buckley for do | X | 8 | 00 |
| 11 To John Webber for do. | X | 7 | 50 |
| 11 To James Webber for do. | X | 9 | 00 |
| 11 To Elijah Skelton for do | X | 7 | 50 |
| 11 To Eliab B. Lane for do. | X | 10 | 75 |
| 11 To John Pried Jr for do. | X | 11 | 75 |
| 11 To Jacob Gregg for do. | X | 2 | 42 |
| 11 To Moses Fitch Jr for do | X | 8 | 92 |
| 11 To Stephen Lane for do | X | 5 | 38 |
| 11 To Thomas Fitch for do. | X | 8 | 38 |
| 11 To Oliver W Lane for do | X | 2 | 89 |
| 1819 Jan 14 to John Merriam for support of Miss. Page 20% for Dunring Jonas Merriam wife 9% } 12 To David Prie for fixing stove funnel & lock in the center school house & repairing tools for repairing the road from Carlisle to Lexington | X | 29 | 00 |
| 13. to Bradley Bowers for support of District in cash | X | 18 | 00 |
| 14 to W. H. Hutchinson for services as collector for the year 1817 | X | 32 | 00 |
| 14 to H. H. Hutchinson a collector, for the abatement of James Wittenger's taxes for the year 1817. | X | 95 | |
| Feb 10. to Amariah Rusten for Medical aid, for Jonas Merriam family, and Margaret Henry at charge | X | 9 | 00 |
| 10. to David Lane for repairing Carlisle Bridge & carting ice | X | 1 | 90 |
| 24 to Bradley Bowers for boarding District in full to March 1 st 1819 inclusive | X | 3 | 89 |
| 26 to Joseph Bowers for services as assessor 5% cash paid for the 1818 | X | 6 | 30 |
| 26 to John Merriam for services as assessor, 8.50. Newsum for Saml. Merriam | X | 4 | 25 |
| 26 to John Webber for services as assessor on Town Clerk | X | 30 | 00 |
| 26 to Moses Fitch for services as Treasurer | X | 12 | 00 |
| 26 to Elijah Stearns for cloathing for District in full to Date | X | 8 | 87 |
| 26 to Do. for sundry articles del. Saml. Merriam for support of Jonas Merriam's children | X | 19 | 03 |
| 26 to Saml. Merriam for support of Jonas Merriam's two children in full to March 1 st 1819. | X | 12 | 55 |
| 26 to Josiah Hill for 16 cords wood for the Minister | X | 63 | 74 |
| 26 To Joseph Hill for 2 cords wood for do. | X | 8 | 00 |

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We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a Meeting
this day holden for the purpose, have Licensed and do hereby license
Capt David Reed of said Bedford, to sell at publick Vendue or outcry
any goods or chattels whatsoever, Pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth
passed June 16th 1794, Given under our hands the 20th day of June 1805

William Webber } Selectmen
Thompson }
J

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a
Meeting this day holden for the purpose, have Licensed and do
hereby license Capt David Reed of said Bedford, to sell at publick
Vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever, Pursuant
to a law of the Commonwealth passed June 16th 1794
Given under our hands the 30th day of April 1806

Wm Webber } Selectmen
John Webber }
J

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford
at a Meeting this day holden for the purpose, have Licensed
and do hereby license Capt David Reed to sell at publick
Vendue ~~and~~ or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever
Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth —
passed June 16th 1802
Given under our hands this 11th day of May 1807

Wm Webber } Selectmen
We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford
have Licensed, and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said
Bedford, to sell at publick Vendue or outcry, any goods or
chattels whatsoever, Pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth
passed June 16th ~~1802~~ 1795 —

Given under our hands the thirteenth day of September 1808

Wm Webber } Selectmen
John Merriam }
J

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford
at a meeting this day held for the purpose, have Licensed
and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said Bedford
to sell at publick Vendue or outcry any goods or chat-
tels whatsoever, Pursuant to a law of the Comm-
wealth passed June 16th 1809 —

Given under our hands this 4th day of Decr: 1809

Wm Webber } Selectmen
John Merriam }
J

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have
licensed and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said Bedford
to sell at publick vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever
pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.
Bedford Jan^y 19th 1811. W^m Webber } Selectmen
John Merriam }

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have
licensed, and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said Bedford
to sell at publick vendue or outcry any goods or chattels
whosoever, pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed
June 16th 1795. — W^m Webber } Selectmen
Bedford Jan^y 5th 1812. — John Merriam }
Elijah Putnam }

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford have licensed
and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said Bedford to sell at publick
vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever, pursuant to a law of
said Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.
Bedford March 22^d 1813. W^m Webber } Selectmen

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting held
for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said Bedford to sell at pub^l
like vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever, pursuant to
a law of the Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795. —
Bedford Jan^y 1815 William Webber } Selectmen

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting held
for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license Capt David Reed
of said Bedford to sell at publick vendue or outcry any goods or chat
tels whatsoever, pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed
June 16th 1795. — W^m Webber } Selectmen
Bedford March 16th 1816

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a meeting
held for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license Capt David
of said Bedford to sell at publick vendue or outcry any goods or chat
tels whatsoever, pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.
Bedford March 24th 1816 W^m Webber } Selectmen

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a meeting held for
the purpose have licensed and do hereby license Capt David Reed of said
Bedford to sell at publick vendue or outcry any goods or chattels what
soever, pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.
Bedford April 18 1820 W^m Webber } Selectmen

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting
this day holden for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license
Lies. William Stearn of said Bedford, to sell at publick vendue or
auctory any goods or chattels whatsoever, Pursuant to a Law of the
Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.

Given under our hands, this 17th day of March
AD 1821.
William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Elijah Shellen

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting this
day holden for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license Capt David
Sheld of said Bedford, to sell at publick vendue or auctory any goods
or chattels whatsoever Pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth passed

June 16th 1795 -
Given under our hands, at Bedford this fifteenth day of Apr - 1821.
Wm Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Elijah Shellen

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a Meeting
this day hold for the purpose, have licensed and do hereby license
Lies. William Stearn of said Bedford, to sell at Publick vendue or
auctory any goods or chattels whatsoever, Pursuant to a Law of the
Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.

Given under our hands, at Bedford this fourth day of March AD 1822.
William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Elijah Shellen

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meet-
ing held for this purpose, have licensed, and do hereby license Capt
David Sheld of said Bedford, to sell at publick vendue or
auctory any goods or chattels whatsoever, pursuant to a Law of
the Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795.

Bedford April 15th 1822.
William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Elijah Shellen

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting ^{held} for the purpose, have licensed, and do hereby license Joseph Parker more in said Bedford to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry on Tuesday the 19th of Nov. instantly, all the Estate whereof Samuel Lane late of Bedford died seized and possessed. Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795. Given under our hands at Bedford this 19th day of Nov. AD 1822.

William Webber
Elijah Shelton

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licensed, and do hereby license Levi Wilson of said, to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever. Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795, and in conformity to a law of said Commonwealth passed Feb. 10th 1823. Given under our hands at Bedford this seventh day of April 1823.

William Webber
Purben Bacon
Mather Hayward

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licensed, and do hereby license Ephraim & Goodnow of said Bedford, to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever. Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795, and in conformity to a law of said Commonwealth. February 10th 1823.

Given under our hands at Bedford this seventh day of April 1823.

William Webber
Purben Bacon
Mather Hayward

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licensed, and do hereby license Jos. Bela Gardner of said Bedford, to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry, any goods or chattels whatsoever. Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795, and in conformity to a law of said Commonwealth passed Feb. 10th 1823. Given under our hands at Bedford this third day of Nov. AD 1824.

William Webber
Purben Bacon
Mather Hayward

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Bedford, at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licensed & do hereby license Levi Wilson of said Bedford, to sell at Publick Vendue or outcry any goods or chattels whatsoever. Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed June 16th 1795, and in conformity to a law of said Commonwealth passed Feb. 10th 1823. Given under our hands at Bedford this 7th day of Nov. 1824.

William Webber
Purben Bacon
Mather Hayward

1819 School Orders

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| March 1 | to Joseph Hill for the remainder of their proportion of money for the use of the school in the North School district. | 5 | 62 |
| April 3 | to David Smith for 4 feet wood to the East School district | + | 1 67 |
| 5 | to Benj ⁿ Webber for cutting wood at the East School district | + | 1 28 |
| 5 | to Oliver Pollard for one cord wood at the East School district | + | 4 00 |
| 19 | to Horace Shelton for repairing the South School house in part | + | 6 50 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in part | + | 38 00 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in part | + | 12 00 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in part | + | 3 60 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in part | + | 12 00 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in part | + | 3 10 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in part | + | 25 00 |
| 19 to Do | for Do in full | + | 17 00 |
| May 8 | to Oliver Pollard for 4 feet wood to the center School district | + | 2 00 |
| 10 | to William Page for repairs of the East School house in part | + | 10 00 |
| 24 | to Amos Hartwell for teaching School 8 weeks & board South district | + | 27 50 |
| Sept 9 th | to Obeduea Allen for teaching School 14 weeks in the North School | + | 29 16 |
| 24 | to Simulire Rogers for tuition 16 weeks in the Center School | + | 16 |
| 25 | to Abigail S. Starn for 12 weeks tuition & board in East School district | + | 29 04 |
| Oct 28 | to Master Butler for tuition & board in the North School district | + | 31 50 |
| Nov 2 | to Betsey Davis for tuition and board in the West School | + | 35 00 |
| 2 | to John Reed for board of the School Mistress in the Center School | + | 20 |
| 1820. Dec 4 | to Samuel Starn for teaching School eight weeks and four days & boarding himself in West School | + | 47 30 |
| 5 | to Oliver Pollard for 2 cords wood for the use of the Center School | + | 8 40 |
| 7 | to Timothy Hainman for 11 weeks tuition in the North School district & board 55¢ & for 4 feet wood for do. \$200 | + | 57 00 |
| March 4 | to Obed Pollard for cutting wood for the North School district | + | 7 50 |
| 4 | to Michael Crocker for 2 cords wood at the North School | + | 10 00 |
| + | to Michael Crocker for one cord wood at the East School | + | 4 12 |
| 4 | to W ^m Chandler for 12 weeks tuition & board in the Center School | + | 3 00 |
| 4 | to Obed Pollard for 2 cords wood at the Center School | + | 4 25 |
| 6 | to Amos Hartwell for 12 weeks tuition & board in South School | + | 66 00 |
| April 3 | to Loe Sprague for wood at the West School district | + | 6 50 |
| 3 | to James Robinson for teaching School in the North School district and board 13 weeks | + | 54 79 |
| July 16 | to Richard for teaching School ten weeks in the East School | + | 10 |
| Sept 25 | to John Head for boarding School Mistress 12 weeks in the South district | + | 15 00 |
| 23 | to John Richardson for teaching School 14 weeks in the West School district | + | 19 |

September 20th 1819. Committed unto said collector a balance
a State tax the sum of \$162.67. to pay to the State Treasurer
also a County tax — 125.52. to pay to the County Treasurer
also a Town tax including
the arrears of a highway tax per 1818. — } 1708.29. to pay to the Town Treasurer

Wm. Webber Chairman of the Assessors

September 26th 1820. Committed unto said collector a balance
a State tax the sum of \$146.67. to pay to the State Treasurer
also a County tax — 112.95. to pay to the County Treasurer
also a Town tax including the arrears of a highway tax per 1819
amounting to the sum of \$161.04 }
including the arrears of the }
State tax — } 320.66

William Webber }
Elijah Shelton } Assessors

September 15th 1821. Committed unto said collector of taxes for the
Town of Andover, a State tax the sum of \$146.67
to pay to the State Treasurer
also a County tax the sum of 112.95
and a Town tax including the arrears of a highway tax
and the arrears of a Highway Tax dated May 20th 1820. — 15.47
amounting to the sum of \$1613.29

William Webber }
Elijah Shelton } Assessors

Nov. 9th 1821. Received of Moses Smith Collector of taxes for the year 1821
one thousand two hundred & twenty three dollars and sixty cents
in part of his charge: — \$1223.67
The discount on said sum agreed to a rate of 5% is — 91.18

William Webber }
John Stevens }
Elijah Shelton }

October 22. 1822.

Received of Moses Smith Treasurer & collector of taxes for the year 1821.
the sum of two hundred & thirty eight dollars & four cents being in full
of all State, County & Town taxes. Committed to him to collect and
collector has & has received from the State & County Treasurers
in full for 2 years.

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Elijah Shelton }

Bedford July 17th 1816.
Taken up by Hadden Darnley on the highway.
Light bay horse about five or six years old. Black mane & tail &
white feet with a star in the forehead.
Wm Webber & Clerk

Bedford June 15th 1823.
Committed unto Jonathan Lane a collector of said Town
a State County and Town tax for the year 1823, also the
amount of a highway tax dated May 27th 1822, amounting
to the sum of two thousand three hundred eighty
dollars & ten cents for him to collect and pay out as directed
by his warrant, 2318.10

William Webber } Assessors
Reuben Bacon }
Mather Haywards }

Bedford June 22 1824
Committed unto David Hitch a collector, a State County and
Town tax, and also the amount of a highway tax dated May 21st 1824
amounting to the sum of fifteen hundred three dollars
and thirteen cents. \$1903.13.

William Webber } Assessors
Reuben Bacon }

Bedford June 18 1825
Committed to Schemish L. Need to collect a County
Town and District tax for the year 1825 also the amount
of a Highway tax dated May 15th 1824 amounting to
the sum of (including the overlaying) - \$1930.48

William Webber } Assessors
Reuben Bacon }
Mather Haywards }

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| Feb. 26 | to John Peter for copying select and committee | x | 12 | 95 |
| March 16 | to John Hill for support of Jonas Mianam in M. | x | 1 | 50 |
| March 16 | to Maria Loring for giving the singers 1 each, equally to 200 | x | 9 | 80 |
| 11 | To Timothy Thompson for his Highway tax returned to the collector through mistake | x | 2 | 65 |
| 11 | To Timothy Thompson for support of Maria et Henry a traveling woman as a teller at his house | x | 2 | 25 |
| April 8 | to Ulrich Goodwin for the abatement of his highway tax being taxed in Burlington | x | 2 | 38 |
| 19 | to Capt John Price for 2 cords of wood for the Minister | x | 8 | 00 |
| 20 | to Jesse Robinson for digging grave for Jonas Mianam wife & attending to it | x | 2 | 50 |
| May 5 | to Jesse Robinson for teaching school in the East District twelve weeks and board | x | 16 | 00 |
| 5 | to Peter Whiteens for support of Galen Parkhurst in part | x | 12 | 00 |
| 6 | to Bradley Bowen for making bleats for Dirack De. | x | 1 | 20 |
| 6 | to Bradley Bowen for support of Dirack in full to May 5 th 1819 | x | 9 | 80 |
| 14 | to James Wright for ringing the Bell & sweeping the Meeting house for 1819 | x | 18 | 75 |
| 24 | to Capt John Price for taxes paid on the Town land in Gorton | x | 1 | 01 |
| 31 | to John Mianam 166 for service as Committee to inspect School houses, & 500 cash paid for support of Galen Parkhurst a year for | x | 6 | 66 |
| 31 | to Joshua Page for inspecting the repairs of School houses, 800 & repairing the center School house, & lecture to the Meeting house 743 | x | 10 | 48 |
| 31 | to Dia Thadde Davis for his Minister tax, Paid at Woburn | x | 7 | 00 |
| 31 | to Levi Wilson for inspecting the repairs of School houses | x | 2 | 00 |
| 31 | to Simeon Stearns for do. | x | 1 | 67 |
| 31 | to Mather Hayward for do. | x | 1 | 67 |
| June 12 | to Wm Thorming for support of one of Jonas Mianam, Chelmsford | x | 13 | 66 |
| July 4 | to Leonard Hermer for assisting the singers with trial in full for one year | x | 10 | 00 |
| June 3 | Paid Joseph Brown for support my Prof. | x | 22 | 50 |
| July 7 th | Paid Joseph Brown for support Galen Parkhurst | x | 16 | 00 |
| June 18 th | to Michael Berby, to pay Mr Ward for council in defence of the road from Chelmsford | x | 5 | 00 |
| July 9 | to Bradley Bowen for support of Dirack in full to Oct. 6 th | x | 27 | 50 |
| 28 | to Benjamin Townsend for head wind at the Meeting house | x | 8 | 19 |
| Nov 2 | to John Price for cash paid for powder for the town use | x | 13 | — |
| 2 | to Eleazer Davis for work on the road from Carlisle to Lexington | x | 3 | — |
| 18 | to David Price for work on the road from Carlisle to Lexington | x | 4 | — |
| 18 | to Alfred Smith for do. | x | 4 | — |
| 18 | to James Wright for do. | x | 2 | — |
| 18 | to John Price for do. | x | 3 | 00 |
| 18 | to John Price for do. | x | 1 | 00 |
| 18 | to Elijah Stearns for do. | x | 2 | — |
| 18 | to Abel Green for do. | x | 2 | 00 |
| 18 | to Jesse Robinson for do. | x | 2 | 00 |

| 1819. Orders | | | |
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| 1819 Dec. 18 | to Joseph Brown for work on the road from Carlisle to Lexington | 2 | 50 |
| 18 | to Benjamin Baungeo for do. | do | + 8 00 |
| 18 | to John Webber for do. | do | + 5 00 |
| 18 | to William Goodridge for do. | do | x 1 00 |
| 18 | to Elijah Shuttles for do. | do | + 6 00 |
| 18 | to Nathaniel Hayward for do. | do | + 5 00 |
| 18 | to Timothy Jones for do. | do | + 5 00 |
| 24 | to Wm Webber for cash paid James Pickett for services | | + 3 00 |
| | respecting Violet a Negro woman | | |
| Dec 26 | to Hershman Hurlbut for expenses in collecting | | + 1 00 |
| | the heirs of Silas Fuller taxes | | |
| 6 | to John Dredger collector for the abatement, Lot One John | | + 14 80 |
| | Leggett, Isaac Wilson, James Wilson, John P. Aclison and | | |
| | James Wilson's Ball taxes for the year 1818. | | + 1 12 |
| 10 | to Dredger Webber for cutting wood of the East School | | + 10 16 |
| 10 | to John Dredger for 25 ft of plank for Carlisle Bridge | | + 35 |
| 10 | to John Dredger for service for collecting taxes for the year 1818. | | + 7 56 |
| 10 | to Hannah Meriam for interest on a note against the Town | | + 18 75 |
| 27 | to Bradley Bowen in full for Sept 10, + of Dinok to Dec 27, 1819 | | + 13 77 |
| 1820 January 6 | to David Dredger for timber for Carlisle Bridge | | + 22 50 |
| | to Bradley Bowen for support of Violet a woman of color | | + 1 75 |
| | from June 10 th 1819 to January 6 th 1820, inclusive | | |
| 31 | to Asa Child for shoes for Jonas Meriam's children | | + 2 10 |
| Feb 5 | to Oliver Ballard for 1/2 cord wood carried to the Center School | | + 9 33 |
| | house to be used Sabbath noon, agreeably to a vote of the Town 1819 | | |
| 5 | to Joseph Toinch for support of Jonas Meriam's child in full to Dec 12 | | + 15 63 |
| 5 | to Elijah Shams for support of Jonas Meriam's children 8, 29 | | |
| | to Dolly Wilson 2, 64 for support of Lot One 3, 90, | | + 2 50 |
| | and for candles for the use of the Singers 0, 80. | | + 16 00 |
| 29 | to Joseph Robinson for digging Grave for James Wilson's & Hollidays | | + 10 20 |
| 29 | to Josiah Hill for four cords wood carried to the School | | + 21 86 |
| March 2 | to Joseph Brown for an iron as for 4, 00 for perambulating | | + 2 50 |
| | town line and making cartage for the Militia 6, 20 | | |
| 3 | to Wm Webber for services as assessor and clerk in part | | + 3 94 |
| 3 | to Wm Webber for do. in full for the year 1819 | | + 10 00 |
| 3 | to John Meriam for services as assessor 4, 90 perambulating | | + 19 20 |
| | town line 4, 00, articles committed Jonas Meriam's children | | |
| 3 | to John Meriam for interest on Hannah Meriam's Note against the Town | | + 51 57 |
| 3 | to James Webber assessor for the abatement of David Dredger's taxes | | |
| | for the year 1811, 34, 00 & for John Dredger for 1812, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 | | |
| | for 1818, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 | | |

1820

Order 1820

March 3 to David Fitch a 1st collector for the abolition of
David's taxes for the year 1815.

3 to Wm Porter for Selectmen's & Committee expenses 8. 30

for plank for the bridge and wharves 3. 62

3 to Hous Fitch for service as town treasurer

3 to Elijah Stearns for goods & annual Merians for

the support of James Merians & children

3 to Amos Weston for visits & Medicine for Sam^l Merians family

3 to Sam^l Merians in full for support of wife & Jonathan Merians

children

4 to Wm Page for making rails & stands in the Dushalloo rails and
sits in the Ministerial pew, & also repairing school house windows

4 to Chas^l Breen for repairs of the Cent^l school house

4 to Cutler's Farmer

14 to Bradley Bowen for four cords wood carried to the Ministry

14 to Bradley Bowen for support of Dinah in full to

March 14th 1820 inclusive

20 to Martha Hayward for six cords wood to Minister

20 to Martha Hayward for four cords wood to Ministry

20 to Bradley Bowen for 2 cords wood to the Ministry

21 to John Reed for taking care of the school house on Center

30 to wife Mary Reed for support of John Reed & children

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1820

1820
Dec. 3 to John Reed for purchase of 2. m. in full
at this date.

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3. To John Reed for for 363. feet timber & overdays work
himself & oxen for and at Barville bridge } - 7/16. 27

3. To John Prudden for making cloaths for Linah — — — — \$ 1.00

3 to John Burdett for service as collector for the year 1819. - +25 50

10 to 12 inches from surface for 100 ft. to 150 ft. + 2
 1971 to 1972 in 1971 for 100 ft. to 150 ft. + 2
 1971 to 1972 in 1971 for 100 ft. to 150 ft. + 2

Jan 21 1821 to Joseph Smith for copies of printed testament and other papers

Marianne Child in part

It takes a mile for Capt. for Union and
repairing the South District. + 11 13

Liberty to print, to circulate for and to be used at that time. { + 20 p.
1000 copies, to be used at the same time. { + 20 p.

2. To John Breder Collector for cash for support of the Breder + 20 00
of the Breder + 14 00

2. 60 Do. for each of 1000000 of Dollars
to be paid for ab. elect. for the abatement of 1000000

to John Bull for ab. 1810. 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2

Let's Auto Poll tax for 1917, 2, 22. 75 for the same 11 months 2/10-03

poll tax for 1919. 1924.

15 1/2 bushels of wheat in full for 1/2 bushels of wheat
 1/2 bushels of wheat for 1/2 bushels of wheat X² 1/2

20 lb. 1500 lb. measuring 1500 lb. 1500 lb. 1500 lb. } x 3. 1500 lb.

unfavourable school for 9.50 on 10th Oct.

28 to free Robinson for digging grave for Frederickson and family \$2.50

March 2^d. William Fitch per Amherst town New York
to John Merriam arrived at 8 o'clock — X 9-25.

2 to John Mariani Service as a private detective — \$11.00

100 lbs. Brown parrotfish skin in the presence of 1.00

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| | to what amount | - | - | - | - | \$1.00 |
| 2 | for Mattie Hayward for Co. | - | - | - | - | \$1.00 |

2 to Hatter & Hayward for Do. - - -
2 to Mary for making blotter for Do. ~~W. H. H. H.~~ X 1.00

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School Orders

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March 2 - Orders 1821.

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| 20 | to Elizabeth Ham for good service for support of James Merriam's children, in full to this date | x 2 | 50 |
| 2 | to William Cole for the school house & barn rent for the year 1820 & to this date | x 6 | 00 |
| 2 | to John Merriam for binder for support of his wife & child | x 11 | 00 |
| 2 | to William Stearns for good service for town's poor and for the use of committees in Chelsea for road &c. called | x 5 | 79 |
| 2 | to Dr. or Pastor for visits and medicines to death | | |
| | Merriam's wife in full to this date | x 11 | 08 |
| 20 | to Anna Pastors for visits & medicines &c | | |
| | to Lucy Merriam in full to this date | x 10 | 00 |
| 2 | to William Webber for service as glazier, selectmen | | |
| | for a clerk &c. for the year 1820 & to this date | x 31 | 00 |
| 2 | to John Dred for support of Elizabeth in full for her death and funeral charges | x 13 | 00 |
| | to Samuel Stage for work at Cambridge in full to this date | x 8 | 00 |
| 4 | to Oliver W. Lane for work at bridge in full to this date | x 7 | 26 |
| 4 | to Wm. Webber for taking care of the Pege farm in full to this day | x 2 | 00 |
| 4 | to Michael Greely for ten cords ^{wood} carried to Mr. Stearns 1820 | x 36 | 40 |
| 4 | to Josiah Hill for four cords wood carried to Mr. Stearns | x 14 | 08 |
| 4 | to Timothy Jones for 2 cords wood carried to Mr. Stearns | x 7 | 28 |
| 4 | to Jonathan Lane for 15 feet wood carried to Mr. Stearns | x 6 | 75 |
| 1 | to Amasa Lane for support of Galen Parkhurst one year ending May 3 - 1821 | | |
| 7 | to Jonathan Lane for digging grave for Lot Dred | x 20 | 28 |
| 7 | to Henry D. Webster cash for support of Mrs. Cook | x 2 | 00 |
| 7 | to Slide P. Lane for timber & work at Cambridge | x 51 | 52 |
| May 20 | to Eliza Ditch for support of Elizabeth Ditch in full to May 20 | x 2 | 00 |
| 1 | to Archibald Hatching for support of Elizabeth Ditch in full to May 20 | x 13 | 75 |
| 2 | to Wm. Stearns for cash paid in support of James Merriam's child | x 7 | |
| 2 | to Josiah Hill for three cords wood for minister | x 7 | 28 |
| 18 | to Merriam's Merriam for interest on a note of hand | x 7 | 00 |
| June 12 | to Thompson's Traders for carrying wood to Little Bridge | x 3 | 00 |
| July 8 | to Benjamin Dred for bringing the bell & sweeping the Meeting for the year 1820. ending May 1821 | x 21 | 25 |
| 20 | to John Dred & Co. collector for cash for support of Mrs. Cook | x 22 | 00 |
| August 20 | 1821 to John Merriam for cash for support of James Merriam's child & for fuel &c. 5.00 | x 6 | 00 |

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| No | To | For | Amount | Total |
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| 10 | Bradley Bowen | for support of Violet in part | X 10 | 00 |
| 11 | Bradley Bowen | for support of Violet in full to September 9 th 1821 | X 15 | 58 |
| 12 | Samuel Page | for guide post and boards | X 11 | 50 |
| 13 | David B. for iron for the Barents line in the living house | X 7 | 15 | |
| | | meriting. Also in the school house &c. | | |
| 14 | to Capt. Smith | for support of Mary Ann Meriam in part | X 6 | 87 |
| 15 | to Capt. Smith | for support of Mary Ann Meriam in full to Sept 1 st 1821 | X 6 | 50 |
| 16 | to Joel Smith | for making cart bridges for the Mallett company | X 21 | 25 |
| 17 | to Eliza Shelden | in full for services as afever in full to this date | X 27 | 49 |
| 18 | to Wm. Webber | for services as afever in full to this date | X 27 | 49 |
| 19 | to John Page | for mending 1 st road house & mending | X 8 | 16 |
| 20 | to James Hartwell | in part for carrying coal from the | X 32 | 12 |
| | | sheepsheds &c. - & in full to be carried on the 2 nd road house | | |
| 21 | to Eliza Shelden | for 2 nd cart of boards & boards for mending | X 12 | 84 |
| 22 | to do. | for goods delivered & land Meriam for support of | | |
| | | Grace Meriam child | X 2 | 60 |
| 23 | to John Meriam | for services as afever in full to this date | X 27 | 49 |
| 24 | to Eliza B. Lane | for building a Stone Bridge on | X 32 | 00 |
| | | the Cedar Swamp cartway delivered to Oliver Lane | | |
| 25 | to Oliver Reed | for abatement in part of his sup. or for 1820 | X 8 | 82 |
| 26 | to Lincoln P. Osgood | for labor for James Dean 2 nd paper 2 nd and | | |
| | | 16 th feet plank for Carlisle Bridge at 303 rd 6 th 497 | X 7 | 97 |
| 27 | to H. Smith | for support of Elizabeth Smith | X 11 | 60 |
| | | in full to Nov. 1 st 1821 | | |
| 28 | to Bradley Bowen | for support of Violet in full to this date | X 15 | 28 |
| 29 | to John Meriam | abatement of his Poll tax | X 3 | 50 |
| | | for 1819 & 1820 | X 0 | 95 |
| 30 | to John Meriam | for taxes paid at Groton | X 0 | 95 |
| 31 | to John Smith | for cash paid the Town of Groton for | X 1 | 87 |
| | | Laure Lane, Little Lane & Grace M. D. board in Groton | | |
| 32 | to John Smith | for cash paid the Town of Groton for | X 40 | 87 |
| | | Sunday school tax by John Page 1 st 1821. Paid 2 nd 1821 for | | |
| | | Aug. 1819. John Page 13. 82. & 1821 Paid 1. 84 & 1821 Paid 1. 81. | | |
| | | for 1819. Jonathan B. 2. 54. & 1821 | | |
| | | Ad. 3 rd 1821. Paid 1. 81. & 1821. Paid 1. 81. & 1821. Paid 1. 81. | | |
| 33 | to John Smith Jr. | for repairing west school horse | X 1 | 50 |
| 34 | to Bradley Bowen | for support of Violet in full to this date | X 6 | 87 |
| 35 | to do. | for support of Violet in full to this date | X 2 | 16 |

| 1821. | School Orders | C |
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| Nov. 6 th | To Jonah Hill for two cords wood at the Center School district | x 7 60 |
| 14 th | To Esther Lawrence for teaching School in the West district | x 11 25 |
| 24 th | To Benjamin Webster for cutting & splitting wood at East School | x 1 25 |
| 1822 Jan 7 th | To Bradley Bowen one cord wood for West School | x 7 75 |
| Febr 6 th | To Joel Fitch in full for the North School district proportion | x 58 73 |
| 11 th | To William Lawrence for teaching School 9 weeks in East School district | x 50 00 |
| 18 th | To our Page in full for the Center School district money | x 50 50 |
| 28 th | To Jesse Robinson for teaching School in Center district | x 52 50 |
| 24th To Sarah Hill for | | |
| Feb. 7 1822. | John B. Weatherday receipt for teaching School & board | x 25 50 |
| March 1 st | To Timothy Jones for boarding School Master in the West School district | x 14 87 |
| 9 th | To Joshua Page for cutting 3 cords wood for the Center School | x 2 33 |
| 4 th | The Center School district have had 28 th by over their share | |
| April 1 st | To John Miller for cutting 1 cord 11/2 at East School | x 14 00 |
| 14 th | To John Webster for 1 cord wood at the East School | x 1 50 |
| 21 st | To Joel Fitch for one cord wood for the Center School | x 4 00 |
| 1822 Aug 14 th | To Sarah Richardson for teaching School 6 weeks | x 12 |
| Sept 3 rd | To Lucy M. Stearns for tuition & board in the North School | x 24 00 |
| 3 rd | To Sarah C. Stearns for tuition & board in the Center School | x 34 00 |
| 26 th | To Hamey Townsend for teaching School in the West School district | x 11 67 |
| Nov. 2 nd | To Timothy Jones for boarding School Mistress, West School 4 weeks | x 14 00 |
| 2 nd | To John Webster for boarding School Mistress in the East School 12 th week | x 12 50 |
| 4 th | To Martha Butler for teaching School & board in Center School | x 40 50 |
| 18 th | To Benja. Webber for cutting wood at the East School | x 1 25 |
| Dec. 2 nd | To Jonathan Lane for two cords oak wood for the North School | x 7 60 |
| Dec. 7 th | To John Lane for one half cord pine wood for North School | x 1 10 |
| Dec 21 st | To Obed Pollard for cutting wood at North School | x 1 84 |
| 1823 Jan 31 st | To Eliah B. Lane for 2 cords wood for the Center School | x 8 00 |
| Feb. 15 th | To Oliver B. Lane in full for the North School district | x 53 71 |
| | proportion of money for the year 1822 | |
| 22 nd | To Solomon Farbell for teaching School & board in the East School 18 weeks | x 75 00 |
| 28 th | To Jesse Robinson for tuition & board in the West School | x 49 11 |
| 28 th | To John Webster for one cord wood to the East School | x 1 00 |
| March 8 th | To David Miller for teaching the South School 3 months | x 24 00 |
| 8 th | To Benjamin B. Jones for boarding School Mistress, North district | x 12 00 |
| 10 th | To David Miller in full for the Center School | x 59 27 |
| 14 th | To Oliver Pollard for one cord wood at the East School district | x 3 90 |

| No. | To | For | Amount | Total |
|------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | To William H. Allen | for services as clerk & as in full for 1822 | X 2. 00 | 2. 00 |
| 1 | To John Merriam | for services as auditor & selectman in full | X 2. 00 | 4. 00 |
| 1 | To William H. Allen | for services as clerk & as in full for 1822 | X 2. 00 | 6. 00 |
| 1 | To Samuel Merriam | for support of Anna Briggs in full | X 26. 00 | 32. 00 |
| 1 | To Amariah Weston | for birth & medicine for Saml. Merriam family | X 1. 00 | 33. 00 |
| 1 | To Elijah Stearns | for goods del. Samuel Merriam | X 12. 00 | 45. 00 |
| 1 | To Joseph Knick | for support of Mary Ann Merriam in full | X 6. 50 | 51. 50 |
| 1 | To Timothy Jones | for heremidends taxes on high ways, in full | X 1. 00 | 52. 50 |
| | | which he has worked out | | |
| 1 | To Wm. C. Adams | for extra work on the high ways | X 4. 12 | 56. 62 |
| 1 | To Wm. Porter | for the selectman & committee expenses | X 13. 75 | 70. 37 |
| 2 | To Joel Ditch | for repairing the North School house | X 1. 50 | 72. 87 |
| 2 | To Thebede Simonds | for each pair of springs for the meeting house doors | X 6. 00 | 78. 87 |
| 9 | To Heriberto Hutchinson | for support of Elizabeth Ditch in full | X 20. 18 | 99. 05 |
| 21 | To Wm. Webber | for cash paid Dace Spaulding for birth & medicine for Mary Ann Merriam a child of Jones Merriam | X 2. 00 | 101. 05 |
| 25 | To Martha Brown | for support of Violet in full | X 4. 00 | 105. 05 |
| April 5th | To Moses Ditch | for services as treasurer for the year 1820 | X 8. 00 | 113. 05 |
| 1 | To Martha Brown | in full for supporting Violet to this date | X 4. 54 | 117. 59 |
| 1 | To John Hilder | for two cords wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 7. 50 | 125. 09 |
| 1 | To Michael Crosby | for ten cords wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 24. 80 | 149. 89 |
| 1 | To Oliver W. Lane | for extra work on the barbed wire | X 6. 99 | 156. 88 |
| 24 | To Joseph Knick | in part for support of Mary Ann Merriam to March 1st | X 6. 50 | 163. 38 |
| May 1st | To Enoch Hartwell | for one cord wood for the center school house | X 8. 80 | 172. 18 |
| 1 | To Enoch Hartwell | for six cords wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 22. 50 | 194. 68 |
| 7 | To John Hilder | for six cords wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 22. 50 | 217. 18 |
| 7 | To John Hilder | for six cords wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 22. 50 | 239. 68 |
| 22 | To Jonathan Lane | for two cords wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 7. 60 | 247. 28 |
| 31 | To Enoch Hartwell | for support of Anna Briggs in full to May 15th - inclusive 1822 | X 31. 00 | 278. 28 |
| | | which he has worked out | | |
| June 5th | To Heriberto Hutchinson | for support of Elizabeth Ditch in full to this date | X 12. 33 | 290. 61 |
| 18 | To Martha Brown | for support of Violet in full to this date | X 9. 80 | 300. 41 |
| July 9th | To Joseph Knick | for support of Mary Ann Merriam in full | X 6. 50 | 306. 91 |
| August 1st | To Michael Crosby | for repairing the stone from barbed wire to Lexington line | X 100. 24 | 407. 15 |
| 22 | To Enoch Hartwell | for one cord wood for the Rev Saml. Stearns | X 8. 80 | 415. 95 |
| Sept 3rd | To Enoch Hartwell | for support of Anna Briggs in full to this date | X 10. 00 | 425. 95 |

Order

1822 September 18th To Thomas Page for support of
the Towns Poor in part

- 18 To Thomas Page for ditto in part +63. 75
- 18 To Thomas Page for ditto in part +10. 00
- 28. to Eliab B. Lane for 412 feet Plank for Carville Bridge 12, 26 } +18. 44
- and for labour repairing said Bridge 6/8, in full to March 25th 1823
- Oct 2nd to Moses Ditch Collector for the abatement of Bradley Bawers taxes } +24. 99
- for the year 1821, \$21. 15 & also for Isaac Reed & Jabez Marble's Poll }
tax for said year \$3. 40
- 22 to John Meriam for interest on Note of 60, & for Grain for Family } +12. 10
- Meriam Family 2150.
- 22. to Moses Fitch in full for his services as Collector of taxes for the year 1821 18. 00
- 22. to Joel Ditch for making cartridges for Munster. +2. 50
- Nov. 4 to Wm. Webster for services as assessor & clerk in part +20. 69
- 4 to Do. per Do. in full +7. 31
- to this date
- 4 to Elijah Shultz for service as assessor in full to this date +7. 50
- 4 to Benj. Simonds for carrying articles for Saml. Meriam's family +2. 05
- 4 to Simon Hattall for support of Isaac Meriam in part +24. 48
- 4 to Joshua Page for mending windows in the Cent. School Meeting house +6. 62
- 4 to Benj. Bacon in part for ringing the Bell for 1822. +4. 20
- 4 to Michael Crosby for working out Poor residents taxes on the } +20. 00
- high ways for 1821. 1822. \$9. 68 for plank for Carville Bridge }
- 3 1/4 feet 11. 46 -
- ~~Dec 2 To Jonathan Lane for two cords wood for the Meeting house~~ - 7. 00
- 2 To Simon B. Lodge for in part for widening the road & Bridges +23. 30
- by his Mill - +23. 00
- 2 To Simon B. Lodge for Do. in part -
- 7 to Wm. Stearns for extra work on the road from the Meeting house +4. 48
- to Lexington line
- 14 to Wm. Stearns for Carriage V. for Lot Reed Graves of Paul +1. 26
- 16 to Simon B. Lodge in full for widening the road & Bridges against +78. 70
- his mill agreeably to a vote of the Town, and his agreement
- Jan. 6, 1823. To the Committee of the Singing Society for the } +25. 00
- use of teaching Sacred Music, agreeably to a vote of the Town. }
- 25. to Thomas Page for support of the Towns Poor in part +36. 61
- Feb 22 to David Ditch for repairing the East School house, work done by +2. 20
- Levi Wilson
- 28. to John Meriam for services as assessor & clerk in service of Poor } +16. 00
- and attendance with the Towns Committee
- 28. to Thomas Page in part for support of the Towns Poor +36. 81
- 28 to Elijah Shultz for services as assessor & attending Court } +2. 00
- Committee Do. -

- 1823 Feb. 28. to William Hether, per agreement of paper & attending, &
Her Court Committee. in full — — — — — x 2. 50
- 28 to William Foster for the selectmen's account to this date x 3. 75
- 28 to David Thomas Dyer for his minister tax — — — — — x 7. 00
- 28 to John Merriam for cash paid at New for support of
Jonathan Moor — — — — — x 84. 68
- 28 to John Merriam for cash paid for support of Dorcas Moor
at Roxborough — — — — — x 22. 00
- 28 Received of the Town Treasurer twenty two dollars which I promise
to pay to the Town of Roxborough for the support of Dorcas Moor
- March 10th to Elijah Train for New and mended — — — — — x 6. 00
- Rebecca Weston & me 50th 29th to December 15th 1821. — — — — — x 6. 00
- 10 to Elijah Train for spirit lighting out the road, candles for drizens
and goods for the support of Saml. Merriam family, funeral charges x 7. 86
- 24 to John Reed Jr a late collector for the abatement of Horatio Balow,
tax for 1820, 175. and for William Wyman's taxes for 1813, 144. — — — — — x 3. 19
- April 1st to Michael Crook for 16 cords wood for the Rev Amos Stearns x 63. 20
- 1st to Michael Crook for one cord wood, for the School house common use x 3. 33
- 1 to Jonathan Lane for 4 cords wood for Rev Amos Stearns x 15. 54
- 7 to Leander Atwater for the rent of his house for his father x 15. 00
- May 3rd to Johna Page for timber for Carville Bridge — — — — — x 18. 50
- 16 to Eliab Balow for one lot timber for Carville Bridge } x 17. 75
- Received of Leander Atwater — — — — —
- 19 to Thomas Page in part for support of the Poor del. to date — — — — — x 12. 00
- 21 to Dringing the Bell & Co. 37.50, taking care of the clock, mending
the Bell tongue, fixing windows blind & door lock &c. 4. 88 — — — — — x 38. 10
28. B. 4. 22. paid. Dec. 4th 1822. — — — — —
- 22 to Thomas Page for support of Poor in part — — — — — x 46. 09
- 22 to Thomas Page for support of the Town Poor for one year
ending May 13th 1823. in full — — — — — x 90. 00
- Bridge May 22 1823. Received of the Treasurer of Poor
& said town, two hundred & ninety four dollars. in full
for the support of the Town Poor for one year ending
May 13th 1823. — — — — — Thomas Page
- July 1st to John Reed Jr in full for services as collector for 1820 — — — — — x 24. 00
- August 6. to Johna Page for expense of the Committee to
purchase Bridge timber &c. also for repairing School house — — — — — x 12. 33
- 19 to David Hatch for timber & plan for Carville Bridge — — — — — x 35. 25
- Sept 2 to John Lane for three lots of timber for Carville Bridge x 45. 50
- 26 to George Ann Linn. Jr for repairs in the School house x 1. 00
- 26 to Eliab Balow for 3 lots of timber for Carville Bridge x 37. 00
- Nov 2 to Johna Page for services as assessor in part — — — — — x 3. 46

292 School Orders

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| 1823 April 14 th | to Nathaniel Hayward for one cord wood at the west school | + 4. 68 |
| August 16 th | To Obed Pollard in full of the North School district's proportion of school money | + 33. 00 |
| Sept 2 | To Asenath Heath for tuition and board in the Center School district | + 32. 00 |
| 18 | to Lucy Wheeler for tuition in the west school mistress | + 12. 50 |
| 15 | to Fint James for boarding school mistress in west school | + 14. 00 |
| 15 | to Abigail Richardson for tuition in the East school district | + 16. 00 |
| 26 | to Major Simonds for tuition & board for the school in the South School district | + 20. 00 |
| Oct 13 th | to John Webber for 15 weeks board of school mistress in the East School district | + 18. 00 |
| 1824 Jan 7 19 | to Oliver Pollard for one cord wood East school | + 4. 00 |
| Feb 2 | to James Robinson for teaching school & board in the west school | + 47 76 |
| 2 | to Asa Sponting for wood at the west school | + 4. 50 |
| 12 | To Joel Fitch teaching school in North district in full | + 9. 00 |
| 27 | To Wm Page for the use of the East school | + 59 34 |
| x to Wm Page for do. | do do. | + 1. 11 |
| 27 | to Elijah Stearns for wood for the use of the Center school | + 7. 35 |
| 27 | To Joel Fitch in full for tuition & board in the North school | 44. 08 |
| March 27 | To Joshua Page in full of the Center School district | 61. 49 |
| April 17 | To Martha Butler for tuition in the South School & board 3 months | 42. 00 |
| August 17 | to Mary Ann Cole for tuition in the North School district | + 24. 00 |
| 17 | to Obed Pollard for wood at North school | + 10. 48 |
| 31 | To Charlotte Wrenn for teaching school in the South district | + 16. 00 |
| Sept 17 | to Asa May for board school mistress in North school district | + 20. 00 |
| 8 | one lock for school house door | + 1. 00 |
| 17 | To Abigail Richardson for teaching school in East district 13 weeks | + 15. 00 |
| 25 | To Sarah Caroline Stearns for teaching school & board in the Center School district | + 32. 00 |
| Oct 4 th | To Lucy Wheeler teaching West School 13 weeks | + 10. 83 |
| 4 | To Fint James for board school mistress west school | + 13. 00 |
| 13 | To John Webber for board of school mistress 15 weeks in East school | + 16. 25 |
| Jan 31, 1825 | to Oliver Pollard for 2 cords wood at the Center school | + 7. 60 |
| 31 | to Oliver Pollard for one cord wood at the East school | + 3. 80 |
| 31 | to Asa Head in full for tuition & board of Master in South school | + 50. 21 |
| 31 | to Simon Stearns in full for tuition & board of Mistress in North school | + 53. 27 |

1823.

Orders

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| Rep ^d to John Bacon collector, a mistake in paying rather than | | |
| to H. W. D. & Co. for 200 lbs of salt for abatement of taxes & interest | | |
| to James Shelden & James Harrington Tax for 1822, 3, 32 | x 10- | 12 |
| to John Bacon for services as collector for 1822 | x 11- | 00 |
| to William H. B. for services as assessor & clerk in part | x 15- | 12 |
| to George Bacon for bringing the mill in part | x 9- | 10 |
| to ^{Bacon} Richard for expenses of the 1st & 2nd term of the Fair & Gabriel | | |
| Weldon 250, 00 for his services as assessor in part & 16 | x 8- | 36 |
| to Luther Easton for expenses of bridge delivered to the inhabitants | | |
| to Charles H. for collecting the common road tax for the Middle | x 11- | 89 |
| to Eliza H. Lane for work on the abutment of Cardale bridge | x 10- | 00 |
| to Eliza H. Lane for work at Cardale bridge for two years | x 13- | 22 |
| to Timothy Page for extra work on the Middle road, created by tax | x 6- | 00 |
| to Eliza H. Lane for extra work on the Middle road | x 32- | 00 |
| to Capt. Stone & Son for two lots of timber for the bridge and other | | |
| work at the bridge after deducting 3175 for old timber brought | x 30- | 75 |
| to Dea Michael Crosby for three lots of timber for Cardale bridge | x 69- | 00 |
| to John H. Henshaw for services as Commissioner Cardale bridge | x 0- | 75 |
| to Amos H. Henshaw for Sup ^t of Isaac Merion in part | x 8- | 00 |
| to Simon Bloodgett in part for building Cardale bridge | x 15- | 00 |
| to Dea Michael Crosby for 99 lot of plank | | |
| and services as Commissioner at Cardale bridge | x 4- | 97 |
| to Joshua Page for extra work on the middle road | x 12- | 99 |
| to Simon Bloodgett for hauling old timber out of the | x 24- | 50 |
| river, for belts and spikes & sand service as Commissioner | | |
| to Simon Bloodgett in part for building Cardale bridge | x 100- | 00 |
| to Simon Bloodgett in full for building Cardale Bridge | x 195- | 00 |
| to Nathaniel Parker in part for support of the Poor | x 7- | 00 |
| to Dea Michael Crosby for his services as assessor for 1823 | x 3- | 60 |
| Nov. 13 To Nathaniel Parker for support of the Poor in part | x 143- | 00 |
| 24 To Joshua Page in part for building a School house in the | x 155- | 00 |
| South School district | | |
| 24 To Joshua Page in full for building said School house | x 22- | 00 |
| exclusive of eighty dollars received, being the money the | | |
| old house sold for. | | |
| 1824 Jan 19 To Oliver Pollard for 4 feet 1000 to the | | |
| Center School house for three of the stringers &c. | x 2- | 00 |
| Feb 2 To Abel Green for making road near John Little in full | x 3- | 00 |
| 2 To ^{Abel Green} for services as assessor & collector of Poor | x 3- | 50 |
| 2 To Dea for money paid for making the same repairing School house &c. | x 11- | 73 |
| 2 To Joshua Page for fuel for the Center School house & repair | x 21- | 67 |
| 27 To Dea for hauling for non residents highway taxes | x - | 70 |
| 27 To Walter Haywood in full for services as assessor & collector | x 1- | 00 |
| 27 To W ^m Nelson for services as clerk, assessor & collector | x 10- | 00 |

1824 Orders 1824

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| Feb 2 | To Amos Hartwell for support of Isaac Merriam | \$ 8.00 |
| 2 | To Obed Callard for repairing South School house | + 1.00 |
| 6 | To John Fitch for straightening the road near his house | + 12.00 |
| 24 | To Wm Page for repairing East School house | + 1.11 |
| 27 | To Nathaniel Parker for support of Poor in part, del. M. Fitch | 6.00 |
| 27 | To Moses Fitch for making Catbridges for the mill | + 1.00 |
| 27 | To Eben Bacon in full for service as Assessor & Selectman | + 5.84 |
| 27 | To Elijah Stearns for levelling the Common and repairing the Meeting house | + 7.01 |
| 27 | To William Porter for Committee & Selectmen expenses | + 5.21 |
| March 12 | To David Miles for Smithing for the School house and Meeting house | + 5.33 |
| 2 | To Eben Bacon for cash paid for shingles to repair the Meeting house | 4.00 |
| 15 | To S. B. Parker six dollars in part for support of Poor, del. J. P. Fitch | 6.00 |
| 22 | To Benjamin Bacon for taking care of the towns clock and mending lock to the Meeting house door | + 1.04 |
| 22 | To Benjamin Bacon in part for ringing the Bell for 1823-4 | + 18.00 |
| April 5 | To Eben Bacon for eight cords wood for the Minister | + 29.30 |
| 5 | To Sander Honner for house rent for John Honner at the | + 20.00 |
| Expenses of the town | | |
| 19 | To Mather Maynard for six cords wood for the minister | + 21.90 |
| May 5 | To S. B. Parker for support of Poor in part, del. J. P. Fitch | + 18.00 |
| May 8 | To Joshua Page for repair of the Meeting house in part | + 5.00 |
| 8 | To Joshua Page for do, in full | + 13.10 |
| 3 | To Joshua Page for taking care of the School house 2.00, & Selectmen and Committees expenses at his house 1.64 | + 3.64 |
| 3 | To William Page for repair of the East School house | + 1.16 |
| 3 | To Luther Eaton for Nail to Repair the Meeting house | + 1.26 |
| 3 | To John Bacon for fire as Treasurer for 1824 | + 6.00 |
| 5th | To Amos Hartwell for Support of Isaac Merriam in part | + 7.75 |
| 5th | To M. Crosby 4 Cords Wood to Minister | + 14.80 |
| 5th | " " " for Nonresidents highway Tax | + 4.19 |
| 5 | To Benj. Bacon for ringing the Bell in full for 1823-4 and hanging window blind | + 9.65 |
| 5 | To Jonathan Lane for 2 cords wood for the Minister | + 7.40 |
| 13 | To Levi Wilson in part for repairing the Meeting house | + 7.00 |
| 21 | To S. B. Parker in part for support of Poor | + 10.00 |
| 21 | To S. B. Parker, do | + 21.00 |
| 21 | To S. B. Parker, do | + 7.00 |
| 21 | To S. B. Parker in full for support of Poor for the year | + 87.00 |
| 1823, ending May 11 1824 | | |

Bidford May 21st 1824.

Received of the Officers of Poor of said town eighty seven dollars
being in full for support of the Poor of said Bidford for one year
ending May 11th 1824.

Northaniel Parker

January 1824

To Levi Williams for repairs of the Meeting house, in full $\times 8.42$
14 To Dr Bela Gardner for sundry Ditt & Medicine for Phineas Wilson.

in his last sickness — — — — — $\times 2.100$

14 To Michael Crocker for cash to pay for a road for repairs of highway $\times 9.55$

20 To Mary Rice in part for the support of Lettice's children — — — $\times 15.00$

24 To David Shultens for support of Phineas Wilson, in part for

in his last sickness — — — — — $\times 12.00$

24 to Mary Rice in full for support of Lettice's children for 1823 $\times 5.00$

August 13th to Lydia Barrows in full for support of Child

to this date — — — — — $\times 10.00$

23 To Jonathan Lane for the abatement of William White and
Gabriel Weston's Poll tax for 1823, 4th 85. and the Minister tax of $\times 13.18$
Several Incidents, b. 66, and a new of several former highway
tax returned through Mistake 1. 62 — — — — —

23 to Jonathan Lane for service as Collector for the year 1823. — $\times 24.00$

31 To Dr Bela Gardner sundry Ditt & Medicine for wife Lydia Barrows $\times 5.35$

18. 35, 9 attendance on one Chaffin, who died at North Bidford

February 22.00

March 4th To William Webber for sundry Glass & other in part $\times 18.55$

4 to Nathan Bacon for clothing for Mary, Jonathan, and child
for getting up a hinge for the Meeting house — — — $\times 2.00$

4 To Thomas Hurd for support of a stranger by the name of
Chaffin, & the expense of his funeral — — — — — $\times 14.50$

4 to Durbin Bacon, for service as a seaman in part — — — $\times 2.78$

4 to George Pierce for support of Ellen Meriam in part — — — $\times 3.79$

4 to Luther Eaton for 2 cases Powder, clothing for Violet &
several articles for Isaac Reed. — — — — — $\times 10.67$

4 to Thomas Webber for assistance taking down & putting
up the lightning rod at the Meeting house — — — — — $\times 1.75$

4 to Tim Jones for 2 Incidents highway tax, he was paid $\times 1.32$

4 to Nathaniel Hayward for service as a seaman in part
the Chaffin's head & removing the same — — — — — $\times 10.25$

4 to Hannah Meriam for interest on her Note — — — $\times 9.60$

1874. Oct. 1st To George Pierce for support of Allie Merriam in part + 9.00
 12. To Timothy Hinman for making cartidges for the Militia + 1.87
 12. To Amos Hartwell, in full for Support of Isaac Merriam
 a pauper, Principal & interest, according to agreement between
 the Overseers of Poor & said Amos Hartwell, as per indenture } + 30.98
 14. To Elijah Bacon a surveyor of Highways, for & on account
 taxes, he worked out, as per vote of the Town - - - - - } + 4.61
 15. To Jesse Robinson for digging Graves for Thomas Nelson
 a stranger, who died at Mr. Hinds, Isaac Reed, John Moon
 and attendance at funerals, moving brush in burying
 yard and repairing burying place - - - - - } + 11.58
 18 To James Clark for support of Isaac Merriam in part + 5.50
 18 To Doc Bela Gardner for visits & Medicine in full, afforded
 to Isaac Reed & Lydia Bowcott, - - - - - + 4.30
 29 To Joshua Sage for lectin for Chapin & 7. To. for Isaac Reed Bowcott
 & guide board near John Titche, L. & D. } + 8.00
 1864 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part - - - - - + 4.00
 10 May Reed for support of Isaac Reed in part - - - - - + 10.00
 1. To George Pierce in full for support of Allie Merriam to the date + 6.23
 29 To Martha Bowers for making seats for Violet
 and board in part - - - - - + 4.00
 Dec 27 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part - - - - - + 3.00
 1825. Jan 12 To Levi Nelson for repair of the Meeting house in Oct 1824. + 6.43
 after deducting 2.50 due the town for timber let at C. Briggs
 31. To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part. - - - - - + 4.00
 1825 Feb 7th James Clark for Support of Mary Ann Merriam + 7.50
 7th Thomas Hurd for ringing Bell & taking care of
 the Meeting House in part - - - - - + 16.00
 7th To George Pierce in part for support of widow
 Allie Merriam. - - - - - + 5.13
 7th To Luther Eaton for sundry articles as per bill
 delivered for repairing Meeting house and 4 poor - - - - - + 1.28
 18. To George Pierce in full for support of Allie Merriam to Dec 13th 1825 + 6.84
 24 To Elijah Stearns for damages allowed by the Court Committee
 for loading the road near Abel Ballards house } + 8.00
 March 7th To Walter Maynard for blacking for Violet repairing the
 west school house & for amending Town lines &c. - - - - - + 3.54
 14 To George Pierce in full for support of Lucy Merriam to March 13th 1825 + 10.00

School Orders, 1825.

- 1825
Feb 7th To Mather Hayward for wood at West School - - \$3.80
7th To Mather Hayward in full for the west School
district for the year 1824 - - - - - + 52.24
21 To Timothy Page, and under the sup^d of the Center School district + 61.10
March 7th To Linn Bledgett in full for the East School - + 159.27
7 To Linn Bledgett for broom, cutting wood &c for East School + 1.13
August 25th To Job Lane Committee for the Center School district, ~~and~~ + 32.07
~~for wood at the Center School district for wood at the Center School district~~ } ~~17.77~~
Sep. 7 To Obed Pollard for 2 1/2 cords wood at North School, district + 9.87
10 To Horatio Hutchinson Treasurer for the North School - district + 24.00
Oct 23 To Martha Butler for teaching school in the Center district + 22.07
3 To Benjamin Sinsendy for boarding his wife in North district + 17.38
3 To Eleazer Davis for tuition board in the west School in part + 24.00
3 To Nathaniel Page for the North School, in part - - + 30.00
Feb. 6th 1826 To Eleazer Davis for the west School, in full + 59.87
7 To John Webb for one cord wood at the East School + 4.00
8 To Nathaniel Page for Abel Pattens wages, teaching school in
in the East School district - - - - - + 37.50
11 To Job Lane School Committee, in full for the Center district + 68.92
20 To Horatio Hutchinson, in full for the North School district + 53.58
26 To Martha Butler for 12 weeks tuition in the Center School district + 36.00
23 To Benjamin Sinsendy for board of school mistress 12 weeks
in the North School district - - - - - + 10.62
March 8. To Nathaniel Page School Committee for support of
the East School - in part - - - - - + 7.00
8 To Nath^l Page, in full for support of East School } + 14.25
and fifty cents for repair of said school house - }
August 16. To Sarah A Stearns ~~for teaching~~
School thirteen weeks in the Center district 96 wks + 33.53
19 To Obed Pollard in part for the North School district - + 24.00
Oct 2 To Maria H Stearns for tuition board in North School - + 30.00
12 To Batey Knight for teaching School & board in East district + 30.00
20 To Obed Pollard for wood do^t at the North School district - + 9.75
Dec 23 To Dea Michael Crosby for 12 feet wood to the East School district + 6.60
1827 Jan. 27 To David Fay for in part of the west School proportion + 49.88

Town orders

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| 1825 March 7 th - 70 wms | Webber for services as a super and | |
| | Town, &c. for the year 1824, ending at this date, in full | + 9.95 |
| + 1 | To John Webber for perambulating lines between Billerica | + 2.25 |
| | Burlington & Bedford | |
| + 7 | To Timothy Page for setting up guide posts & repairing Center School house | + 1.66 |
| + 7 | To Lydia Brown for support of Violet in part | + 3.12 |
| + 7 | To Deborah Bacon for clothing for Mary Ann Merriam, & | |
| | Violet, & mending the Meeting house windows, &c. | + 8.71 |
| + 7 | To Deborah Bacon, in full for services as a super and for | |
| | also perambulating town lines | + 4.82 |
| + 7 | To Thomas Hurd for the selectmen's expenses, & Committee | + 5.18 |
| | for purchasing the minister's wood &c. | |
| + 7 | To Dea Thos. Davis for his minister's text for 1824 | + 6.68 |
| + 9 | To Martha Bonden for support of Violet in part | + 4.06 |
| + 21 | To Luther Eaton for candles for the use of the singing society | + 2.26 |
| | from Oct 1823, to March 7 th 1825 | |
| + 28 | To Dea Mous Ditch in full for the support of Elizabeth Ditch | + 27.81 |
| | to the time of her Death, 41.7 weeks, at 67 cts per week. | |
| + 30 | To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part | + 3.08 |
| + 4 | To Dea Thos. Davis for his minister's text for 1825 | + 68.50 |
| + 18 | To Mary Mee in full to May 13 th 1825 for support of her son | + 40.00 |
| | Isaac Mee, and Grand Child. | |
| + 18 | To Lander Hermer, for hire of cart for his Father John | + 18.00 |
| | Hermer for 1824. | |
| + 22 | To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part | + 2.00 |
| + 1 | To Mayr to Linnestown, for making a pair of the Chelmsford | + 7.50 |
| | road near Billerica line | |
| + 2 | To John Bacon for services as a super on April 1824. | + 7.00 |
| + 2 | To Thomas Hurd for mending the Bell &c. in full | + 18.00 |
| + 2 | To Hannah Merriam in tent one vote | + 9.60 |
| + 2 | To David Hill for mending light ring road &c. | + 5.24 |
| + 14 | To George Pierce for support of Miss Merriam in full | + 11.92 |
| | to May 13 th 1825 | |
| + 14 | To Thomas Page in full for support of Miss Thos. May 13 th 1825 | + 52.00 |
| + 19 | To Bela Gardner for visit to Violet | + 1.00 |
| + 20 | To James Black in full for support of Mary Ann | |
| | Merriam in full to May 13 th 1825 | + 8.00 |

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May 20th 1825 To Thomas Page for support of Jonathan Moor
to Oct 10th the time of his death, and for funeral charges, in full \$27.78

+ 20 To Thomas Page in full for support of the barile
Bridge and Mead. according to agreement for one year \$64.00

+ 21 To Eliab B. Lane for 800 residents & residents high way
taxes for 1824 which he worked — — — — — \$4.90

21 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part 3. d. and
for cloathing 1.18 1/2 — — — — — } \$4.87

+ June 6th To Luther Eaton for one cask Powder, 3.17 1/2 and
cloathing for Towns Poor 1.93. — — — — — } \$5.10

July 2 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part — — — — — \$4.00

Aug 3 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part — — — — — \$3.00

Aug 22 To George Peirce in part for support of the Minors \$3.00

22 To George Peirce in part for support of Lucy Minors — — — — — \$7.50

Sept 10 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part — — — — — \$3.00

+ 12 To David Fitch a collector for abstract of Benjamin Bacon 3^d
Minister tax 2.26, Presbiter to lead Poll tax 1.56, William Burbank
Poll tax 1.56, Lewis Bennis Minister tax 0.54, William Bath Poll
tax 1.56, Abijah Fisher Poll tax 1.56, Calvin Mead Poll tax 1.56
James Douglas Poll tax 1.56 Archabato, Ormiston Poll tax 1.56
Leonard Spaulding Tax & through Minors 0.48 William Willis
Poll tax 1.56, Joseph Hills Minister tax 3.78 Sampson Spaulding
Minister tax 2.46 for 1824 — — — — — \$22.00

+ 12 To David Fitch for services as collector for 1824 — — — — — \$18.00

+ 28 To Rebecca Gardner for thirty four visits & medical admi-
nistrance to Ara Mudd wife & children — — — — — \$18.70

Oct 3 To Wm Webber for services as a super, & Clerk in part \$7.30

+ 3 To Martha Hayward for services as a super. in part \$4.50

+ 3 To Martha Hayward for sundry articles for the deep
part of Esther Mudd & family, & other services for 3 family \$13.09

+ 3 To Jesse Mokinusen for digging graves for Mif. Phelps, & Ara Mudd
Child and mowing brush in the burying ground — — — — — \$4.00

+ 3 To David Lane for 6 feet wood for use of Vinger & Co. — — — — — \$2.82

+ 3 To Stephen Hocker for Coffins for Mif. Phelps — — — — — \$3.00

+ 11 To Luther Eaton for sundry goods for Ara Mudd wife, & others,
for particulars see the account on file — — — — — \$19.56

12 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part — — — — — \$3.00

21 To George Peirce for support of Mif. & Lucy Minors in part \$14.00

Nov 7 To Joel Fitch for Nursing Ara Mudd Child 9 days — — — — — \$1.75

18 To Martha Bowers for support of Violet in part — — — — — \$4.00

18 Due Martha Bowers at this date for Violet's support \$3.83

1825

Orders 1825

- Dec 16. to George Pierce in full for support of Allie and Lucy Meriam to the 1st of December, inclusive — + 12.00
- 26 to Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — + 2.00
- + 26 to Bela Gardner for support of Mary Ann Meriam in part — + 8.57
- + 25 to Eliab Wilson for plank on the New Highway Bridge — + 2.60
- + 28 to Eliab Wilson for building the New Highway Bridge as per at auction and extra work, finding stringer more than agreed for — \$41.25
- 1826 Jan^y 13. to Obed Pallard, in part for ~~the~~ moving and resetting the two Mr. Leams wall, by reason of the Town widening the Road. — + 12.00
- + Feb 6th to Ebenezer Davis for repairs of the new school house \$1.60
- + 6 to Mather Hayward for carting 10 At Bricks — + 17.00
- + 6 to do. do. do. do. do. do. — + 8.50
- + 6 to do. do. do. do. do. do. — + 16.90
- + 6 to do. do. do. do. do. do. — + 7.29
- + 6 to Joshua Page for repairing school house do. do. — + 4.00
- + 6 to Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — + 16.75
- + 6 to John Meriam for carting 10 ~~the~~ Bricks — + 25.50
- + 6 to Eliab Wilson for do. 15 do. do. — + 1.00
- + 7 to John Webber for superintending Town lines between Lexington & Bedford —
- 74 to David Lane for moving 15 cords of wood on the road to do. & super. by direction of the Towns Committee — + 5.17
- 74 to Oliver W. Lane for do. 13 1/4 cords — + 5.30
- + 74 to James Webber for carting 5 At Bricks — + 8.50
- 77 to George Pierce for support of Allie & Lucy Meriam in part — + 12.00
- 20 to David Lane for ^{extra} work on the Road, mending bell tower & — + 10.21
- + 20 to Mather Brown. Purses charges for John Homer — + 7.50
- 20 to Mather Hayward for Meats, Meat & del. Ora Meads wife — + 3.69
- 21 to Elijah Stams Esq for 2 cords for the mill in 1824. — + 7.52
- 21 to Elijah Stams Esq for Sunday for the Poor. — + 7.46
- March 2 to William Webber for services as Schoolman, as per order Town Clerk for the year 1825 a. b. in part — + 5.00
- 2 to William Webber for do. in full — + 11.20
3. to Thomas W. Ford for Selectman & Committee expenses for 1825 \$11.20
3. to Wm Everett for two guide boards & setting — + 4.25
3. to

- March 3^d to Nathaniel Hayward for service as Officer &c. for 1825 in full + 1.00
- 3 to Amos Bacon for service as a Justice-Selectman, and for cloathing for
- John Poor & service as Committeeman on the removal of the Militia
- Company from Chelmsford to Concorda Regiment for 1825 & 6 + 87.64
- + 14 To Amos Page for support of John & wife & children in part + 53.00
- + 11 To Dear Michael Crosey for 12 cords wood for a winter + 46.80
- + 22 To Martha Brown for support of Victor in part + 4.00
- 28 To Amos Patten for attendance on Town Poor. — — — + 7.00
- + 28 To do. for do. in full to January 1826 — — — + 16.00
- April 1st To George Pease for support of Abigail & Lucy Meriam in part + 5.00
- + 7 To Nathaniel Hayward for eight cords wood for S. Pease + 38.40
- + 10 To Lander Horner for house rent for John Horner — — — + 18.00
- + 4 To George Pease for support of Abigail & Lucy Meriam in part + 6.00
- + 13 To Levi Wilson for abatement of one bill for which was not to
- figure through mistake + 1.02
- May 1st To John Bacon for Service as Treasurer — — — + 8.00
- + May 1st to Amos Page for bringing the bill &c. for one year + 87.50
- + Thomas Page in full for support of Miss Thos. to her death + 8.00
- + 11 To Gustavus Thorner for Service with Bapt. Viol { + 10.00
- for one year with the Singers.
- + 11 to Albert Bacon for Service as above with Instrument + 10.00
- + 15 to George Pease for support of Abigail & Lucy
- Meriam in full to May 18th 1826 — — — + 10.68
- + 17 To Amos Page in full for the support of John
- Pease's family to May 18th 1826 — — — + 20.91
- + 18 To Thomas Page for repairing the Carville Bridge
- & Choad, according to agreement in full to May 1826 + 64.00
- + 18 To Luther Eaton for sundry debts Town Poor by order
- of the Selectmen + 2.15.
- + 30 To Martha Brown for support of Victor in full to May 15th 1826 — — —
- June 29 To Abel Pollard in full for mowing & New string weed
- on the Rev. Samuel Starns land for the purpose of mending
- the Choad, agreeably to a vote of the town + 13.67
- + 29 To Levi Crosey for a mistake in her tax for 1825 + 33
- July 3^d To George Pease for support of poor + 11.00
- August 15th To Eldridge Meriam for cloathing for Mary
- Ann Meriam — — — + 5.00

1826,

- Sep. 4 To George Peire in part for support of Poor — + 5.00
 4 To George Peire for support of Abner Meriam, Lucy Meriam & Bellamy Page in full to Sep. 1826 — + 25.09
 + July 9th 1826, Transferred from Page 308, 70
 + Ichemiah Ball for support of Mrs. Janet, — + 18.42
 + 12 To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — + 4.00
 Sep. 9th To James Clark for boarding Miss Fickett & week & 3 days and making gown — in full — — + 5.00
 + 9 To Ichemiah L. Mead for carting & carrying & M. Truck including two dollars & Mead owed the town — — + 6.00
 11 To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — — + 4.00
 30 To George Peire in part for support of Poor — — + 3.75
 30 To Benj^r Simonds for repairs of South School House and 1 pr shes for Mary Ann Meriam — — + 2.77
 + Oct. 2 To William Webber for cash paid Miss Susanah Goodridge for nursing Miss Wheeler in her last illness & week — + 10.00
 2 To Nath^r Hayward for Mericidents deficiency at highways — + 1.28
 12 To William Webber in part for service at Town Clerk and as sep^r for 1826 — — + 10.00
 + 2 To Reuben Bacon in part for services as as sep^r for 1826 — + 4.00
 10 To Roger Lane for work on the Great Road, as pr vote of the town — + 27.70
 11 To Eliab W. Lane for work on the Great Road as pr vote of the town — — + 42.02
 12 To Michael Crooby for ^{deficiency of} Mericidents highway taxes for 1826 — + 3.89
 13 To Oliver W. Lane for work on the Great Road, as pr vote of town — + 49.50
 14 To George Peire in part for support of Town Poor — — + 21.00
 16 To Reuben Bacon for cash paid & Ball for support of Miss Fickett — + 2.50
 18 To George Peire in part for support of Poor — — + 30.00
 20 To Esther Mead in part for her support & her youngest child — + 10.00
 Delivered to Anna Page — — — — —
 20 To Anna Page for support of Mary Mead & child of Anna Mead in part — + 6.78
 23 To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — — + 4.00
 Dec. 2 To Doc. Bela Gardner for two late visits & medicine administered to Lucy Meriam since March 7th 1826. — — + 7.52
 29 To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — — + 4.00

Dec. 29th 1826. To George Peirce for support of wid Allis Meriam & Lucy Meriam from the 13th of May. 1826 in full to the 29th Dec 1826, inclusive. and for support of Belamy Page in full to this date, and also in full for the support of wid Wheeler to Dec. 14th 1826 the time of her death.

* and also for making shirts & pantaloons for Belamy. 088. — — — — — X \$25.24

Feb. 10th 1827 to Benjamin Lincolnton for school broom as per vote of the town 72.34 & mending school house windows 088. } X 73.22

18 To William Webber in part for service as Town Clerk &c. — — — — — X 4.00

19 To Martha Brown for support of Violet in part — — — — — X 4.00

March 12 To William Webber in full for service as a school teacher for 1826 X 10.00

12 To Amos Hartwell in full for service as a school teacher for 1826 X 12.55

12 To Theobald Brown for cash paid for bleaching for poor, and mending the meeting house windows &c. — — — — — X 19.00

12 To Theobald Brown in full for service as a school teacher of poor for 1826 X 9.50

12 To Theobald Brown for cash paid at the house of Industry in Boston, for Asa Reed and other expenses for him — — — — — X 5.00

12 To William Webber in full for service as a school teacher for 1826 X 10.00

May closing farmers taxes for May 1825, John Bond

Amos Brown, Elijah W. Dyer, for 9 years, George Hart, the

City, Ebenezer Richardson, &c. &c. &c. Elijah W. Dyer for nothing X 13.76

Steamers for Fall River &c. &c. &c. for bond in full

to the minister for the year 1826, but C. George Peirce kept

Wm. Williams & Co. for bond in full for the year 1826

* Feb. 5th To Zeba French for a journey to Millican after poor — — — — — X 1.50

5 Thomas Ward for selectmen & town committee expenses in part — — — — — X 7.00

5 William Page for repair of the East School house — — — — — X 1.21

5 wid Mary Hartwell for support of Asa Reed's children in part X 27.89

5 To Daniel Bond for support of Miss Farrer half a year, on X 13.00

July 25. 1826. — — — — —

5 To Luther Eaton for goods for Belamy Page & Miss Wheeler — — — — — X 3.90

14 Town of Carlisle. Paid Mr. Heald for 1/2 pier of Carlisle bridge X 19.88

19 George Peirce for support of poor in part — — — — — X 12.00

March 2 To Elijah Stearns for goods furnished Miss Wheeler 3.24

for powder furnished the town 7.00, Paper for Carlisle 0.30 } X 12.94

and bleaching for Violet 2.40 — — — — —

5 To George Peirce for support of poor in part — — — — — X 12.00

5 Cap Joel Smith for repair of the North School house — — — — — X 0.62

5 George Dutton for iron in Center School house and mending lighting X 7.71

5 To Oliver W. Lane for work on the Center Head as per vote of town X 6.80

14 To Michael Covey for wood for Mrs Samuel Stearns in part X 21.38

14 To — — — — — for — — — — — in full for 6 cords. &c. — — — — — X 2.67

School order 1827

1827 Feb. 10th - To Gene Robinson Jr. for teaching School in the
Fourth School & board.

\$54.62

17 To Obed Pollard in full for the 5th School district portion
of school money

+ 59.70

25 To Capt. Moses Abbott for support of Center School in part

+ 60.67

March 5 To Capt. Moses Abbott in full for the Center School
districts proportion of money for 1826.

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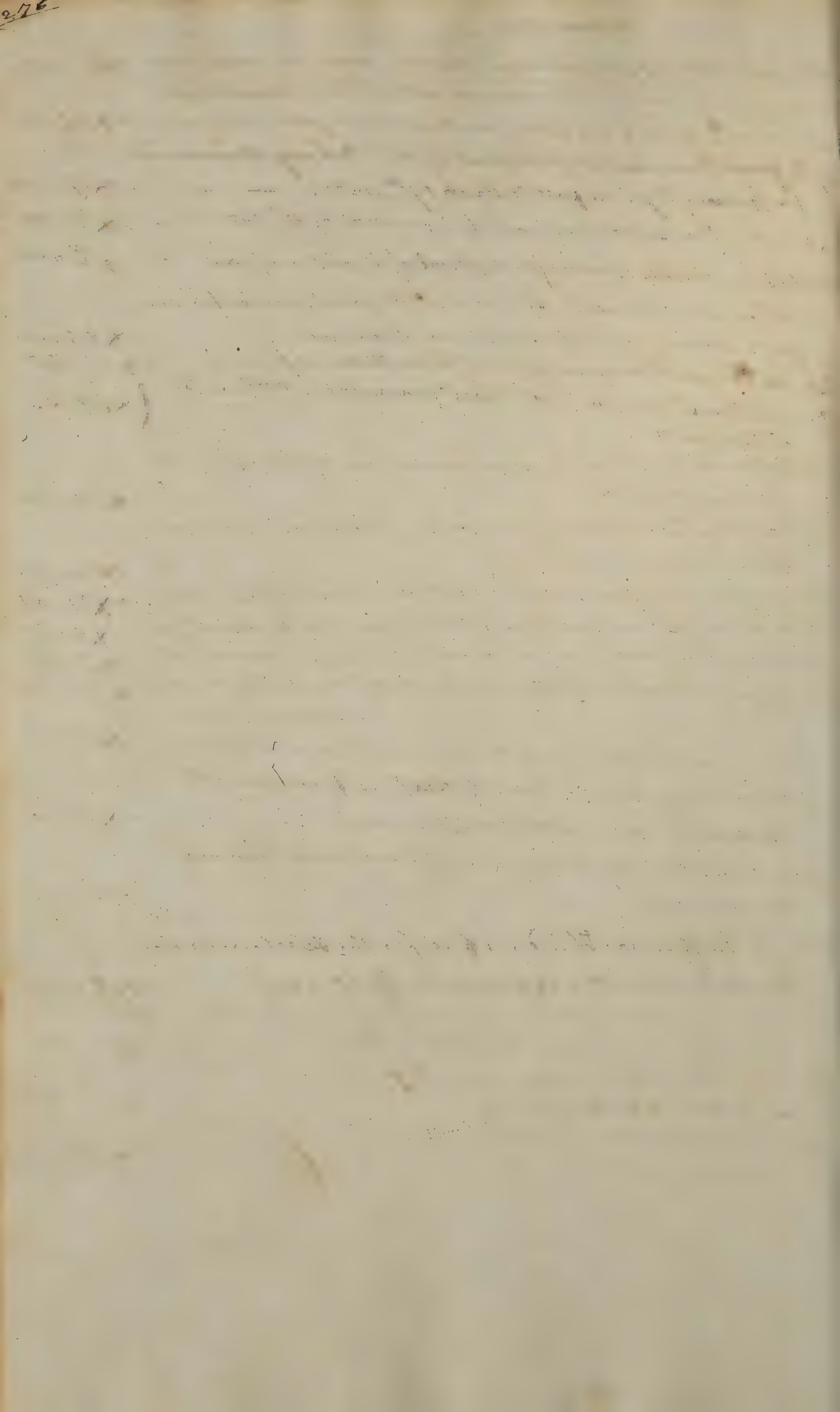
5 To Dea. Michael Crosby in of the East School district proportion
of money for 1826

+ 65.45

May 15 To David Taylor, School Committee for the West district
in full for said districts proportion for 1826.

+ 30.00

- 1827, March 20. Elijah Stearns for two cords wood for Mrs. Lant Stearns \$88.00
20. To Perry Dexter for ten cords wood delivered at the Rev. Samuel Stearns, as part of his salary for the present year — — — — — X 39.70
- 27 To George Pierce in full for support of Abbie & Lucy Merriam, and for Melany Page, in full to March 17th 1827. — — — — — X 19.63
- 28 To Martha Bowen in part for support of Violet — — — — — X 5.00
- April 13. To Martha Bowen for support of Violet in part — — — — — X 3.00
- 8 To Learner Holmes for House rent for John Holmes for one year ending April first 1827, as per contract — — — — — X 25.00
20. To Elijah Stearns for support of John Moor, as per contract — — — — — X 11.20
- 20 To Elijah Stearns for two stoves & furnaces for the lower school house, — — — — — } X 59.55
23. To David Buttrick in full for support of Mrs. Lafrank to May 1st 1827. — — — — — X 6.50
- 23 To Mrs. Esther Reed in full for support of her youngest child to May 1st 1827. — — — — — X 14.75
- 23 To Miss Mary Hartwell in full for support of Poor to May 1st 1827 X 21.61
23. To Arza Page in full for support of Mary Reed to May 1st 1827 X 5.59
- 23 To Martha Bowen in full for support of Child to May 1st 1827 — X 9.50
23. To George Pierce in full for support of Poor to May 1st 1827 X 10.61
- 23 To Elijah Stearns for school books, 39.84 and for Commission dealing out the same, for the several schools 3.50 X 43.34
- 23 To Miss Mary Reed for board of Aba Reed from Jan. 4th to March 5. 1827, 8 weeks at 2.00 per week — — — — — X 16.00
- 27 To Michael Crosby for deficiency of Non-residents highway taxes for 1826. — — — — — X 4.84
- May 7th To Thomas Hind in full for the selectmen and Towns Committee expenses to April - 1827 — — — — — X 9.13.
7. To John Bacon for coin as Treasurer for 1826.7 X 5.00
- 7 To George Coin for a bad Bill he took of Town Treasurer X 7.00.
28. To Gustavus Thorne, for using Bessie's vine in aid of sand sent Maud to May. 1827 X 7.60
- 29 To Albert Bacon for using Clarinet in aid of sand Maud — — — — — X 10.00



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March Meeting 1829

Middlesex st. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County. Greeting

You are requested in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to Notify and warn, (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting
house in said town,) all the Freeholders and other Qualifiable inhabitants
of said town, viz. ~~to wit~~ every Male citizen of twenty one years of age
and upwards (except paupers & persons under Guardianship) who
shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year, and within
said town six calendar months, next preceding the Meeting herein
mentioned, and also who shall have paid by himself, Parent, master
or Guardian any State or County Tax, which shall within two years
next preceding such Meeting have been levied upon him or any
town or district of this Commonwealth, and also every citizen who
shall be by law exempted from taxation and in all other respects
qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the Center School house
in said town on Monday the seventh day of March next, at one
O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

Art^l 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2^d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year

3^d To choose Town officers for the ensuing year

4th To raise money for the repair of the highways & Bridges the ensuing year

5th To know in what manner the town will repair the highway,
and Bridges the ~~year~~ ensuing year

6th To know if the town will restrain Great cattle & horses from going
at large on the highways & Common lands within the limits
of the town the year ensuing

7. To know in what method the town will collect the taxes the year ensuing

8 To know in what method the town will support the Poor the year ensuing

9 To know if the town will build a new School house in the Center
of the town, suitable for a school house & town hall, & sell the present
School house, or do any thing respecting the subject they may think best

10 To know if the town will appoint an Auditor to examine the exp-
enditures of the town, and also have said expenses printed in
sufficient numbers, that every householder may have a copy.

11. Upon the request of Thompson Bacon &c To know if the town
will allow him to work out his highway tax & also John Webster
his tax on the Road from the Top of the hill near said Webster
to said Bacon's farm (so called) or do any thing respecting
it they may think best

He of said town and make return of this warrant with your doings,
then or unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting

Given

Continued

Given under our hands, Seal at Bedford this 21st day of Feb. 1825.

William Webber
Deuben Bacon
Nathan Hayward

} Selectmen

Middlesex Co. Feb. 26th 1825. On the day of the aforesaid, I have notified and named the voteable and other inhabitants of the town of Bedford by posting a copy as within directed in the meeting house to assemble at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned.

John Bacon Constable.

March 7th 1825. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants met and acted on the articles therein contained as follows, viz.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting, made choice of John Merriam &
2. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing -
the votes being first in counted & sorted.

Then were for John Hayes Esq of Concord. 33. votes
and for Nathan Brooks Es of Concord 4. votes

3 To choose Town officers for the ensuing year

| | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Town Clerk | sworn into | James Dienes | } | sworn into office |
| William Webber | officer - | Nathl. Page | | |
| Selectmen | intd officer | Ara Reed | } | sworn into office |
| William Webber | sworn as | Eliab B. Lane | | |
| Deuben Bacon | officer | Eleanor Davis | | |
| Nathan Hayward | | | | |

Sealer of weights & measures

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Town Treasurer | sworn | } | Joshua Page sworn into office |
| John Bacon | into office | | |

Surveyors of Lumber

| | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|---|--------|
| Constables | } | sworn into | } | office |
| Nehemiah L. Reed | | | | |
| John Bacon | into office | Joshua Page | } | office |
| | | Simon Blodgett | | |

Collector

Nehemiah L. Reed sworn into
is to have \$100.75 for
collection, to conform
to all the rules & regula-
tions adopted by the town
April 7th 1823. see page 174

Pound keeper

John Bacon sworn into office

Trythingmen
William Everett

Amos Hartwell

Surveyors of high ways

David Rice

Oliver W. Lane sworn into office

Nehemiah Hutchinson sworn into office

Nathan Hayward sworn into office

Joseph Bacon sworn into office

Remains over

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|------------|---|--------|
| Field chosen | } | sworn into | } | office |
| Silas Dudley | | | | |
| Apphar Merriam | | | | |
| Eliab Bacon | | | | |

Surveyors brot over

William Hartwell sworn into office
 Charles Davis sworn into office
 James Webber sworn into office
 Michael Greeby sworn into office

Moses of Hook & Book
 Luther Eaton sworn into office
 Elijah Brown sworn into office
 Amos Hartwell sworn into office
 Charles Davis sworn into office
 Stephen Hooker sworn into office
 Joel Fitch sworn into office
 Elijah Sketton sworn into office

George Fitch
 Eldridge Williams sworn into office
 George Bacon
 Richard Palmer sworn into office
 Maud Page sworn into office
 David Lane Jr
 Larkin P. Page sworn into office
 Henry Webber
 Saml Mead
 Artemas Webber sworn into office
 Athol Bacon sworn into office
 Oliver R. Abbott sworn into office

4 To raise money to repair the highways & bridges the ensuing year
 Referred to Next April Meeting & committed to a select panel
 Eliza B. Lane & Michael Greeby to view the new highway
 bridge, & report. —

5 To know in what manner the town will repair the highways
 & bridges the year ensuing. Referred to April meeting —

6 To know if the town will restrain meat cattle & horses from going
 at large on the highways & common lands within the limits of the
 town, the year ensuing. Voted in the affirmative. —

7 To know in what method the town will collect the taxes
 the ensuing year. Voted the same, as the last year. —

8 To know in what method the town will support the poor the
 year ensuing. Referred to John Meriam, William Webber & Lewis
 Wilson to report at next April Meeting. —

9 To know if the town will build a new school house in the center
 of the town, suitable for a school house & town hall, & sell the
 present school house, or do any thing respecting the subject
 they may think best. Referred to April meeting next & and
 appointed Markon Bacon, Mather Haywood, John Meriam,
 Simon Blodgett & Horchist, Hutchinsonna Committee to
 report thereon, &c.

10 To know if the town will appoint an auditor to examine the
 expenditures of the town, and also to have the expenses
 printed in sufficient number, that every household
 may have a copy. Referred to next April meeting

11th art Upon the request of Thompson & Co. to know if the town will allow him to work out his highway tax, and also John Hobbs tax on the road from the top of the hill near Ward's bar to said Bacon's Grange, or de called, or de any thing affecting it they may think best, appointed Benj. Baump & Elipha. Thelton a committee to view & report at April meeting.

The record by William Webber. Clerk

April Meeting 1825

Middlesex fs. To Nehemiah L. Reed a Constable of the town of Bedford in said County, greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn, (by posting an attested copy of this warrant, at least eight days previous to the meeting herein after mentioned in the Meeting House in said town,) all the free holders & other voteable inhabitants of said town, viz every male citizen of twenty one years of age and upwards, (except paupers & persons under Guardianship,) and who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year, and within said town six calendar months next preceeding the meeting which is to be holden by virtue of this warrant, and who shall have paid by himself for last year next preceeding said meeting have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this Commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation but in all other respects qualified as above mentioned, To assemble at the Center School house in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of April next at one o'clock P. M. To consider and act on the following Articles, viz,

- 1st To give in their votes for a Governor & Lieut. Governor for said Commonwealth and also for five Senators for the Middlesex district.
- 2^d To choose a moderator to preside for the transactions of town affairs.
- 3^d To raise money for the support of schools and appoint a school committee for the ensuing year.
- 4th To appoint a committee in trust for the Paper fund, the ensuing year.
- 5th To know if the town will give a bounty on Crows heads, caught and killed, within the limits of the town the ensuing year.
- 6th To act on the 4th article in the warrant for March Meeting 1825 which was referred to this meeting and to hear the report of a committee appointed thereon, also the 5th article referred as above, also to act on the 8th article in said warrant and hear the report of a committee thereon.

Came over

1825

April meeting continued

also to act on the 9th article in said warrant referred as above, and hear a report of a Committee on the same. — also to act on the 10th article in said warrant referred as above, and also to act on the 11th art. in the same warrant, and hear the report of a Committee thereon, referred as above. —

- 7 To know if the town will purchase a Bop reel for the use of the singing society or do any thing respecting the same they may think best.
- 8 To know if the town will allow William Page to work out his high way tax on the road from his home to the Guide board near Mr Frenchs, or do any thing they may think best, respecting it.

Had fair and ample return of this warrant with your doings thereon into one of the Selectmen, by the town of S. meeting given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 21st day of March A.D. 1825

William Miller }
 Oakes Bacon } Selectmen
 Nathan Hayward }

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place herein mentioned. —

Bedford March 26th 1825 Ichabod L. Prudden

April 4th 1825, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town met and acted on the articles therein contained as follows. viz.

At a Town Meeting of the Town of Bedford, the votes being brought in, counted & certified there were

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| For Governor, | For Hon. Levi Lincoln of Worcester | 95 votes |
| Lin. Governor | For Hon. Marcus Morton of Taunton | 93 votes |
| | Hon. John Heyns of Concord | 95 votes |
| | John Wade of Woburn | 49 votes |
| Senators & | Seth Snowball of Charlestown | 98 votes |
| Councillors | Nichols M. Thaxter of East Sudbury | 43 votes |
| | Abel Jewett Esq of Popponit | 94 votes |
| | Nathan Chandler of Lexington | 47 votes |
| | Samuel Hoar of Concord | 43 votes |
| | Joseph Valentine Esq of Hopkinton | 5 votes |
| | Edmund Parker Esq of Reading | 1 vote |

April meeting 1825

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- Art 2^d To choose a Moderator to provide for the transaction of town affairs -
made choice of Capt' Elijah Shellen for Moderator
3. To raise money for the support of schools, & appoint a School Committee
for the year ensuing Voted the sum of \$450 - for said purpose, &
made choice of, Rev Samuel Stearns, Jos Lane, Hiram Heston
Hassanuel Page, Zedeece Lincoln & Cleaver Davis, School Committee
- 4 To appoint a Committee in trust for the Page fund, the ensuing year -
made choice of William Hibber, Dea. Hans Fish & Dea Michael Crosby, for 3 years
5. To know if the town will give a bounty on Crows heads, caught & killed within
in the limits of the town, the ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative
viz, 20 cents for old, & 10 cents for young ones.

The continued article from March meeting last respecting the repair of the
highways, the Committee, ~~was~~ appointed to take the subject in to consideration
reported that it is expedient that the new highway bridge be rebuilt
by the town, over and above the ordinary expenses for repair highways
and bridges. which was accepted, and appointed David Pine, Eliab
B. Lane & Dea Michael Crosby, a Committee to let out the same at auction
as they shall think proper - and Voted the sum of \$600 dollars
for the ordinary repair of the highways & Bridges in said town,
the 5 article in d. warrant for March meeting, also referred to this
meeting, viz, To know in what manner the town will repair the
highways & Bridges the ensuing year. Voted the same as last year.
also the continued article respecting support of Poor, referred to a Com-
mittee, the Committee, reported that the subject be submitted to the
Selectmen, to adopt such mode as they may think best for the
intent of the town. Voted to accept said report. also Voted
that the town pay Leander Hamer \$13 - here sent for his father
John Hamer to occupy the year ensuing also Voted to pay Miss
Mary Reed \$50 for the support of her son Isaac & paid her Grand
child, to be in full for their support to May 13th 1825 -

also the continued article respecting building a school house & town
Hall, which was committed in the mean time, the Committee
reported in favor of building said house, in the following man-
ner, viz, that the town raise \$200. at next May meeting to be
paid the ensuing winter, for the purpose of procuring materials for
the building, that in the Spring of 1826, the money now lying in
the Goodwin place, together with the proceeds of the old school house
be appropriated in furtherance of the building, and that the rem-
ainder necessary to complete the building, be borrowed on the cre-
dit of the town - which is respectfully recommended

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S. order R Bacon

The town accepted said report, and appointed Joshua Page, Simon
Blodgett, John Merriam, Vincent Stearns & Dea. Michael Crosby, a
Committee to draft a plan for said house, and

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and report to the Town at next May Meeting, the probable expense
also the difference in expense between building with wood or brick
also the continued article, respecting appointing Auditors to examine
the expenses of the town. & also the amount of taxes assessed. The town
accepted the article, or voted in the affirmative, and appointed
Thompson Bacon, & John Meriam Esqrs, Dea. Mideau Cresber for
that purpose, also voted, that the selectmen draw off lists of
of all taxes assessed on said town, and the expenses of said town
stating what for, and from the same, (after being approved by said
auditors) in three publick places in said town. -
and also the continued article, ^{respecting} Esqrs Bacon requests, voted to allow
said Bacon & John Webber to work their highway taxes, as proposed on
y^e 20th to know if the town will purchase a Bess Wheel for the use of the sing-
ing Society, or do anything respecting it they think best, the town
referred the subject to the selectmen, to conduct the or act on the
subject as they may think well be most beneficial.
y^e 20th to know if the town will allow William Page to work his high-
way tax on the road from his house to the Grinde beard near
Mr. Frenches. Voted to grant his requests.

Recorded by William Webber & Clerk

Middlesex Co. Bedford April - 1825.

William Webber, Thompson Bacon & Mather Hayward,
selectmen, of the Town of Bedford, came before me, and
made oath, that they would faithfully & impartially
discharge the duties of said office, respecting all elections
and the returns thereof.

Thompson Bacon } Just. Peace

Bedford April - 1825 The Committee appointed for the purpose
let at auction the building of the new highway bridge
to Eliab R. Lane. for the sum of \$71.75 X Paid by order
on the Treasurer

Bela Gardner Auctioneer
David Price Chairman of Com^{tee}

(2d)

Middlesex vs To Nehemiah L. Reed a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County. Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to summon and notify the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of said Town, viz every male citizen of twenty one years of age and upwards, (except paupers and persons under Guardianship) and who shall have resided within said Commonwealth one year, and within said town six calendar months next preceding the date of this warrant, and who shall have paid by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian any State or County tax which shall within two years next preceding have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this Commonwealth; and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation but in all other respects qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the Center School house in said Town on Monday the second day of May next at two O'clock P.M. to consider and act on the following Articles viz.

1. To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.
2. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
3. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.
4. To know in what method the town will procure the Prov. Varnish Stann fire wood the ensuing year.
5. To know if the town will direct their assessors to take an inventory of taxable personal estate as posed by the inhabitant, on the first day of May next, that they be equitably tax therefor.
6. To know if the town will appoint one or more Field Officers in addition to those chosen at March Meeting last.
7. The continued article respecting building a Towns Hall &c.

If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen, by the time of meeting given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this 18th of April, 1825

William Webber }
 Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
 Nathaniel Hayward }

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified all the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place appointed for the purposes within mentioned April 29. 1825

Nehemiah L. Reed Constable for the Town of Bedford.

May meeting 1825.

May 2 - 1825. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the voteable of the Town of Bridford met and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz.

Art^l 1 To choose a representation to represent them in the general Court, to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next, Voted not to send, this present year.

2 To choose a moderator for said Meeting,

made choice of John Meriam Esq for said purpose.

3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charge of the Town the ensuing year, Voted the sum of \$400. for that purpose

4 To know in what method the Town will procure the new saw? It seems firwood, the ensuing year, Voted the usual method and appointed the Selectmen, for that purpose. —

5 To know if the Town will direct their officers to take an invoice of the taxable personal estate of the inhabitants, as provided by them on the first day of May next, that they may be equitably taxed therefor. Voted in the affirmative —

6 To know if the Town will appoint one or more Field Drivers in addition to those chosen at March meeting last Voted to dismiss this article —

7 The continued article respecting building a Town Hall &c. The Committee, appointed at last April Meeting on the subject, made the following reports viz.

The Committee appointed by the Town, to draft a plan of a Town, house and make an estimate of the expence,

by leave to report, that a house 40 feet in length, & 30 feet in ~~height~~ width, with 20 feet front, will be as large as is necessary, to have 25 windows of 24 lights each of 7 by 9 glass also a circular window in each gable end, Vases to be 12 inches thick, the partition between the entry and school room to be of 2 inch plank, to have three rows of school seats on three sides of the school room, the Hall to have three rows of seats of such length as will hold four persons each, in other respects reference to the plan. They estimate the expence, built of wood thirteen hundred dollars, of Brick sixteen hundred dollars. all which is humbly submitted Joshua Crag Jr. order

The Town accepted the foregoing report, to build said house with wood according to the plan exhibited by the Committee and voted the sum of \$200, to purchase material, this coming winter.

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together with the money due the town from said by education, as reports
to the town at last April Meeting by members Bacon Chairman, of the Com-
mittee for said purpose. the town then appointed Joshua & J. S. Lincoln Blod-
gett John Merriam, Lincoln & Stearns & Dea Michael Crooby a committee
to let out the building of said House, and superintend the same. in the
summer of 1826, the town also authorized the Town Treasurer to borrow
the widow of the money necessary to complete said house, (because the same
appropriated, as above, and the proceeds of the sale of the old school (which said
committee are hereby directed to sell) when called on by said Committee from
time to time as it may be needed, also voted to let said House partly
on the ground the center school hence stands, the front of the new
house to be fifteen feet south from the front of said old house.

Ordered by William Webber & Clerk

May 22 1825, the Selectmen let out the ringing of the Bell, sweeping
the meeting house &c. under the same regulations as the last year to
Samuel Thiel for \$7 3/4
also let the bell for under the meeting house for three years at three
dollars per year \$8.00 to members Bacon — — —
also appointed J. Robinson sexton for the ensuing year —
also let out the widow of Lin. Merriam to ~~be~~ for her support
for one year from the 18th instant to George Perin for \$1.00 per
week if she should live so long, free of any other expense to the town
except funeral charges, if she should die within said term —
also Miss Crooby the same as last year at one dollar per week
also let out a woman & colour to Martha Brown for \$0.80 per week
the town to find her clothing, pay doctors bills, &c. —

October Meeting 1925

Resolved that the selectmen of the town of
Middlebury be authorized to summon & notify the
citizens of the town of Middlebury to appear at a
meeting of the town on the 1st day of October
next at the school house in said town on the 1st
day of October next at the hour of the afternoon
to act on the following articles viz

- Art 1 To choose a moderator for said meeting.
- 2 To see if the town will reconsider their vote passed last year
relating to the school house & town hall & also a request
concerning it with regard to an substitute which instead of being
located as far as possible the location of said house and sit
the same on some other place, or do any thing respecting
said house they may think best.
- 3 To know if the town will enlarge their buying ground
or do any thing respecting it.
- 4 To know if the town will change the address of the
place from current place to the new place or do
or do any thing respecting it they may desire.
- Whereof first shall be the business of the town and with your
advise thereon vote on of this petition by the time of the meeting
first under our hands & seal at the 1st day of
September 1925.
- William H. Baker (Moderator)
Charles Baker
Arthur H. Baker

Middlebury September 17, 1925
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned
the selectmen of the town of Middlebury by putting
a copy of the within warrant in the Middlebury house to appear
at the time place & for the purpose with an undersigned
James Baker Clerk of Middlebury

October 3, 1846. Pursuant to the foregoing resolution the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield met and acted on the matter then presented as follows: -

Resolved for the purchase of a lot of land for the building of a new house for the town for that purpose.

2^d That if the town will purchase their new house at said May meeting to build a new house on the same place, so far as respects building it with wood, and it is wholly desirable to build with wood, and also as far as respects the location of said house, not set the same on some other place or doing thing respecting said house they may thank their friends.

The Town reconsidered their former vote to build said house with wood, and voted to build it with brick.

Also reconsidered their vote passed at last May meeting respecting the location of said house, and then approved or referred the residue of the article relating to said house to a town meeting to be held on the first Monday of November next, and appointed Messrs. Daniel E. Johnson, Ebenezer L. Johnson, William Webber, Capt. Joel Ditch, Nathan Maynard, & Benjamin to take the subject into consideration and report to the town at said meeting.

3^d To know if the town will enlarge their burying ground or do any thing respecting it, the town voted to refer the article to a town meeting to be held on the first Monday of November next, and submitted the subject to the Committee on the house and consideration the subject of location of the new house, and report to the town at the meeting.

4th To know if the town will straighten the road in some place from a road open to the new road near John's Station, or any thing, or do any thing respecting it, they voted as follows: - The town refers the article to the first Monday of November next, and appointed Elijah Johnson, Ebenezer L. Johnson, Benjamin D. Lunt, & Nathan Maynard, and Benjamin to consider and report to the town.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk

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Bedford — October 10th 1825.

The Selectmen, just at Auction, to board & support ^(now absent) Esther Reed
and four children (being the wife & children of Asa Reed) to
Asa Page, from this time to the first Tuesday of May next,
at two dollars and forty five cents per week \$2.45. said Page
to free the town of Bedford from any expence whatever on their
account for support, doctrine, or burial, (except for cloathing.)
during said term or time. — But if the said Asa Reed should
~~should~~ return and support his said wife and children before the
expiration of said term, then the said Page is to receive no further
pay from the town of Bedford.

Seal Middlesex Co. To John Bacon a constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County. — — — — — greeting.

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon & Notify the freeholders & other valuable inhabitants of said Town; viz every citizen of twenty one years of age & upwards, (except paupers & persons under Guardianship) who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year & within said Town six calendar months, next preceding, & who shall have paid by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian, any State or County tax which shall within two years next preceding have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this Commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted by law from taxation, but in all other respects qualified as above mentioned. — To Assemble at the center school house in said town on Monday the seventh day of November next at two of the clock P.M. to act on the following articles. viz.

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To act on the unfinished business contained in the warrant for last October Meeting, which was referred to this Meeting, viz. respecting the location of the School house & Town Hall also respecting enlarging the burying Ground, & also the subject of straightening the Road from Samuel Sage to John Fitcher.

3 To know if the town will accept of a piece of land ^{in addition to the} ~~on the East~~ ~~burying Ground, of Mrs. Hannah Bred.~~ ~~piece of the common~~ on such terms as shall then be made known by a Committee chosen at the last town Meeting to consult with ~~Mrs. Hannah Bred~~ her on that subject. —

4th To know if the town will accept of a piece of land on the East side of the common, on such terms as shall then be made known, by a Committee chosen at the last town Meeting, to consult with Mrs. Hannah Bred on that subject. —

5th To know if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the wall on the East side of the common at the County Road, thence running southerly to range with the front of the meeting house, or do any thing they may think best respecting the same.

6th To take the sense of the town, whether they would wish the Militia Company in said town to be detached from the 3^d Regiment second Brigade, & attached to the 3^d Regiment 1st Brigade in the 3^d Division of the Massachusetts Militia or take any measures to accomplish this same. —

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Lincoln April 28th 1824

This may certify, that Lewis Bernis, of Lincoln is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winton, and contributes to the support of the Ministry in that place.

Jonas Bernis }
Abraham Bernis } Conn⁴

This may certify, that Benjamin Bacon 3^d of the Town of Bridford is a member of the Religious Society, called the first Nonconformist Society in Cambridge, by order of the Standing Committee
Cambridge April 19th 1824. Josiah Mearns

I hereby certify, that John Hannaford of the Town of Bridford is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of Roxbury, called the first Universalist Society in Roxbury, Dated this 15th day of March AD 1826.

William Hannaford } Clerk of the first
I certify, that ~~John~~ Hannaford of the Town of — in Roxbury } Universalist Society
Bridford is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of Roxbury
called the first Universalist Society in Roxbury Dated this 15th day of
March AD 1826
Owen Brewer } Clerk of the first Universalist
Society in Roxbury

I hereby certify, that William Hannaford of the Town of Bridford is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of Roxbury, called first Universalist Society in Roxbury, dated this Twenty fifth day of March AD 1826, Ebenezer Brewer Clerk of said Society

I hereby certify, that Robert Edwards of the Town of Bridford is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of Roxbury, called the first Universalist Society in Roxbury, dated this Twenty fifth day of March AD 1826, Ebenezer Brewer, Clerk of said Society.

I hereby certify, that Edward Litch of the Town of Bridford has joined himself to, and is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of Stoneham, called Universalist,
Dated at Stoneham this 18th day of April AD 1829
Peter May Clerk of said Society.

I hereby certify, that George W. Spear of the Town of Bridford has joined himself to and is a member of the Religious Society in the Town of Stoneham, called Universalist
dated at Stoneham this 18th day of April AD 1829
Peter May Clerk of said Society.

4th At in consequence of the fire of bricks, to know if the town would wish to change the materials for building the School house and Town Hall, or do any thing respecting the same. — ^{Town of Bedford.}
 Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with ^{table} your doings, thence unto one of the selectmen, by the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 18th day of October A.D. 1825. William Mosher
 Oliver Bacon
 Nathaniel Hayward } Selectmen

Middlesex Oct 29th 1825. I have Notified & warned, pursuant to the within warrant the inhabitants of Bedford by posting a copy of the within, in the Meeting house, to assemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned.
 John Bacon Constable of Bedford.

November 9th 1825. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants met and acted on the articles therein contained as follows.
 1st Art. To choose a Moderator, for said Meeting, Made choice of Doe. Amariah Preston, for that purpose. —

2^d To act on the unfinished business, contained in the warrant for last October Meeting, respecting the Location of this School house and Town Hall, enlarging the Burying Ground, & the Town Common, & straightning the Road Near Samuels' acre &c.

3rd Art in the foregoing warrant was to know if the Town will accept of a piece of land offered by the widow Hannah's need for the enlargement of the Burying Ground, on condition the town move the wall. The Committee appointed on this subject reported that it was inexpedient to enlarge the Burying Ground at present, The town accepted said report.

4th To know if the Town will accept of said Hannah's need a Piece of land on the East side of the Commons. The Committee appointed to confer with Mrs. Need on the subject, report that Mrs. Need agrees to convey to the Town a piece of land adjoining the Commons, bounded as follows, beginning at the post corner of the Barn Near the South side of said Common, on the side of the same. Thence running straight to a stake & stones at the Road about one rod East of the corner of the wall at the School

School house, else where bounded on the Road & common land, on condition, that the town lay out a Road or way on or by her remaining land from the County Road above mentioned to the place School house & Town Hall, if it is sett nearly parallel with the Meeting house. Thompson Bacon Jr. order
The town voted to accept the foregoing reports. —
And then proceed to locate the school house & Town hall, viz.
Voted to set the South end of the school ^{house} & Town hall parallel with the front or North end of the body of the Meeting house on the East side of the Common, and about four feet west of Mrs Hannah Meeds line.

5th at. To know if the town will accept of a Road or way as laid out by the Selectmen, which is as follows, viz.
Fred Ord & Co. 7th 1825. The subscribers Selectmen of said town meet and laid out a Road or ^{town} way as follows, viz.
Beginning at a stake & stone at the Road leading from Lexington through said town, to Carlisle, one rod east of the corner of the wall near the present school house thence running southerly, partly over land given the town by the widow Hannah Meed, and partly over the towns common land, to the place assigned by the town to sett a new school house and Town ^{hall} (as above described) being about ten rods in length, said Road or town way is laid out two rods wide, and is bounded on the East side by the said Hannah Meeds land.

William Weber
Oreben Bacon
Mather Hayward

The town accepted the above mentioned Road or town way, as therein described. —

The continued article respecting straightening the Road from Samuel Sage to John Hitchen, &c on the subject, reported that it is necessary to make two straightenings, one on the Mrs. Samuel Stearns land and the other on land of Salomon and David Lerner, ~~then~~ ^{Elijah Stearns Jr. order}
The town voted to commit the subject to the same Committee, to cause said alterations to be made as they may think will be most beneficial to the town and report their claims to the town at a future meeting.

David Lerner

6th Art. To take the sense of the town, whether they would wish the Militia Company in said town to be set off from the 3^d regiment 2^d Brigade and attached to the 3^d Regiment first Brigade, in the 3^d Division of the Massachusetts Militia, or take any measure to accomplish the same. The town appointed the selectmen a committee to petition the proper Authority, on the subject.

7th In consequence of the rise of Brick, to know if the town would wish to change the Materials for building the school house and Town hall, or do any thing respecting the same. — The town voted to adhere to their former vote, passed on the third day of October last, viz. to build with Brick, on condition the Brick can be procured at six dollars pr. thousand at the kiln, if not the building Committee, are to proceed to build said school house & Town hall with wood, agreeably to a former vote. —

Decided by William Hobbs S. Clerk

March Meeting 1826.

Seal Middlesex Jr. To John Green a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County — greeting,
You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn, (by posting up a copy of this warrant in the Meeting house in said Town) all the freeholders and other voteable inhabitants of said town, viz. every Male citizen of twenty one years of age & upwards, (except paupers and persons under guardianship) who shall have resided within the Commonwealth one year and within said town six calendar months, next preceding, and who shall have paid by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian any State or County Tax which shall within two years next preceding have been imposed upon him in any town or district within this Commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be liable exempted from taxation, and all others respectively qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the Center School house in said town on Monday the six day of March next, at one of the clock P. M. to convene and act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting
- 2^d To bring in their votes for a County Representative in the ensuing year.
- 3^d To choose all Town officers for the ensuing year

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- 1 To raise money for the repair of the Highways & Bridges the year ensuing.
 - 2 To know in what method the town will repair the Highways & Bridges the ensuing year.
 - 3 To know if the town will restrain that cattle & Horses from going at large, on the highway, & Common land, within the limits of the town, the year ensuing.
 - 4 To know in what method the town will collect the taxes the year ensuing.
 - 5 To know in what method the town will support the poor the year ensuing.
 - 6 To know if the town will direct the Horse & Cattle owned by Dea Shaddan Davis Capt. Elisha Chelton & Moses Page to be removed to some other place or taken down, and assign some other part of the Common for the use of stables or do any thing respecting said stables & stable ground there may think best.
- Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing, thereon unto one of the Selectmen at the time of said meeting given under our hands & seal at Bedford this twentieth day of February A.D. 1826.
- William Webber
Frederick Bacon
Mather Hayward.
- (Selectmen)

Middlebury N. Feb. 25, 1826.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the inhabitants of Bedford as directed by placing a copy in the Meeting house to assemble at the time & place for the purpose therein mentioned.

John Bacon Constable,

March 6th 1826. Pursuant to the fore going warrant, the inhabitants of Bedford met and acted on the articles there in contained as follows. viz.

1. To have a moderator for said meeting, made choice of, Frederick Bacon for said purpose.
2. To bring in their votes for a Com. by measure for the ensuing year the votes being but in count read sorted there were for John Hayes Esqr. of Concord eighty eight votes.
3. To choose all town officers for the year ensuing. viz.

Samuel Clark, William Webber, sworn in as officers.

Selectmen

William Webber sworn as

Frederick Bacon sworn as

Samuel Clark sworn as

1826, Bedford March 6th 11pm Webber, Frederick Bacon, Samuel Clark, & Elisha Chelton of the town of Bedford came before me & made oath that they would discharge the duties of said office faithfully, and impartially as respects all elections & the return thereof. Elisha Chelton, J. P. Peace

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Town Treasurer, John Bacon, sworn into office.

Constables Capt. Joel Fitch, John Bacon, sworn into office.

Collector Joel Fitch, sworn into office and is to give bonds to the
~~selectmen~~ Treasurer, approved by the selectmen for the faithful performance
of the duties of said office, agreeably to the late regulations of the town respecting
collecting taxes, & is to have for collecting — \$16.00

Surveyors of Lumber Joshua Page & Simon Blodgett, sworn into office.

Culler of hog and staves, Silas Dudley, Benj. & Asa, sworn into office.

Assessors Eliab B. Lane, Eleazer Davis, sworn into office.

Fighting men, William Everett, Capt. Moses Abbott, sworn into office.

Field drivers Eldridge Meriam, Francis Allen, Amos Hartwell, } sworn
Obed Pollard & Eleazer Davis } into office.

Sealer of weight and measures Joshua Page, sworn into office —

Surveyors of Highways Luther Eaton, Oliver W. Lane, } then with this
Herschiah Hutchinson, William Horniford & } month & were
Benjamin Reed & Dea. Hopedee Simonds & Eleazer Davis } sworn into
James Wibber & Dea. Michael Cressby } office.

Hogreeves John Simonds, Lewis P. Gleason } then with this
Jesse Templeton, Peter Warner, David Loring & } month & were
Charles Johnson, Amos Reed & Benj. Hildreth & } sworn into
Oliver McAbbot & Cyrus Page & } office.

Pound keeper, John Bacon appointed by the selectmen.

Measures of wood &c.

Wighers of Hay — Thomas Hild

4. To raise money for the repairs of the Highways & Bridges the
ensuing year.

5. To know in what method the town will repair the Highways & Bridges
the ensuing year. Voted to refer the above 4. & 5. articles to a Committee
viz. Thompson Bacon, Esq. Eleazer Davis, Oliver W. Lane, Dea. Michael
Cressby & Thayer Lane, to report their opinion thereon to the town at next
April meeting. —

6. To know if the town will restrain that cattle & horses from going at large
on the Highways and common lands within the limits of the town
the ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative. — Continued on the 30th page.

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I know all men by their presents that I Ebenezer Black
of Townsend in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, Gentleman, in consideration of the sum
of fifteen dollars to me paid by Benjamin Simonds Jr of
Bedford in the County and Commonwealth of said County.
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have remised
released and forever quitclaimed, and do by these presents
unite, release and forever quitclaim unto the said Benjamin
Simonds Jr his heirs and assigns forever, all my right, and
title, interest and estate in and unto a certain pew set
- out in the south west corner of the House dedicated to the
public worship of God in said Bedford, lying on the right
hand side of the aisle leading from the front door of said House
to the west gallery. To have and to hold the same, together
with all the privileges and appurtenances therunto belonging
to him the said Benjamin Simonds Jr his heirs and assigns
forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,
together with Prudence my wife in token of her relinquishment
of her right of dower, the fifth day of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and fourteen.

Signed sealed and D

delivered in presents
of us

Thompson Bacon
John Bacon

Ebenezer Black

(Seal)

(Seal)

Middlesex, September 5th 1814 Then the above named
Ebenezer Black personally acknowledged the above instrument
by him subscribed to be his free act and deed before me.

Thompson Bacon Just. Peace

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- Art. 4. To know in what method the town will collect the taxes the year ensuing. Voted the same as the last year, by three pay ments, viz. one third on the first Monday of October one third on the first Monday of Feb. and one third on the first Monday of May next following.
- 8 To know in what method the town will support the poor the year ensuing. Voted to refer the subject to a Committee Dea Michael Crosby, Asa Hayward & John Merriam Esq. to report their opinion thereon to the town at next April Meeting.
- 9 To know if the town will direct the Horse Stables owned by Dea Davis, Capt. & Elijah Sheltord & Moses Page, to be removed to some other place, (or taken down) and assign any part of the Common for use of stables, or do any thing said Stables, & stable ground they may think best. Voted to refer the subject to a Committee viz. Eldridge Merriam, Eleazer Davis, Simeon Stearns James Webber & Dea Zebedee Dimond, to report their opinion thereon at next April meeting.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

April Meeting 1826.

Seal Middlesex To Capt. Joel Fitch a Constable of the
Town of Bedford. Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to Notify and warn, (by presenting an attested
copy of this warrant in the Meeting house) all the free holders
and other voteable inhabitants of said town, viz every male
citizen of twenty one years of age & upwards, (except paupers
and persons under Guardianship) who shall have resided
in the Commonwealth one year and within said town six
calendar months next preceding, and who shall have paid
by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian any State or County Tax
which shall within two years next preceding have been assessed
upon him in any town or district within the Commonwealth,
and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from
taxation, but in all other respects qualified as above mentioned,
to meet at the Center School house in said town on Monday
the third day of April next at one of the o'clock P. M. to consider
and act on the following Articles viz.

- Art 1st To give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor for said
Commonwealth, and for five Senators & Councillors for the
Middlesex district
- 2 To choose a moderator for said ~~meeting~~ to preside over the trans-
actions of town affairs.
 - 3 To raise money for the support of schools & appoint a school
committee. for the ensuing year
 - 4 To know if the town will make any addition to the length of
the school & town house, in order to enlarge the meeting & Hall or do
any thing concerning the same they may think best.
 - 5 To appoint a committee in trust for the ^{Page fund}, the ensuing year.
 - 6 To know if the town will give a bounty for Brown headed cattle
and killed within the limits of the town, the ensuing year.
 - 7 To know if the town will direct the assessor to take an invoice
of personal estate, for the purpose of taxation.
 - 8 The continued articles, to hear & act on the report of a com-
mittee who have under consideration, the 4th & 5th articles
in the warrant for last March Meeting, and directed to report
to the town at the ensuing April Meeting.
Also the 8th article, committed, to report as above
and also the 9th article in said warrant committed
to report, as above

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Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to one of the selectmen by the time of said Meeting

Given under our hand & seal at Bridford, this 20th of March. 1826.

William Webber } Selectmen
Pentecost Bacon }
Amos Martwell,

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have Notified & warned the Male inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place for the purposes therein mentioned.

Joel Fitch Constable.

Bridford, March 27, 1826.

April 3, 1826. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Town met & acted on the articles therein contained as follows, viz.

Art. 1. for choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor, & Senators, & Councillors
The votes being first in Counted & sorted there were for Governor
For His Excellency Levi Lincoln Esq of Worcester 88. votes
" Hon. Samuel Hubbard Esq of Boston — 2. votes
Over Lieut. Governor, Hon. Thomas L. Wadsworth Esq of Boston 89. votes

Senators and Councillors

For Hon. John Pease Esq of Concord — 84. votes
" Abel Jewett Esq of Pepperell — 85. votes
" Leonard M. Parker Esq of Charlestown — 85. votes
" Samuel Hoar Esq of Concord — 1. vote
" Luke Fiske Esq of Waltham — 85. votes
Benjamin F. Varnum Esq of Braintree — 85. votes

Art. 2. To choose a Moderator to preside over the transactions of year's affair
Made choice of Mr. Pentecost Bacon, for that purpose. —

3. To raise Money for the support of Schools, appoint a School Committee
for the year ensuing, Voted the sum of \$450. for the purpose. — and
appointed the Committee viz. New Samuel Stearns Chairman
Dea. Michael Crosby, Benjamin Simonds, Jr. Elijah Stearns Esq
Nathan Hayward, & Capt. Joel Fitch. —

4. To know if the Town will make any addition to the length of the
School & Town house, in order to enlarge the entry & Hall, or do any
thing concerning the same they may think best. —
The Town voted to add to the length of said house four feet, upon con-
dition the expense to the town does not exceed one hundred dollars,
and instructed the Building Committee accordingly, and if it could
not be done for that sum, to proceed on the former plan, or vice.

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Art 5. To appoint a Committee in trust of the Sage fund in Bedford.
made choice of William Webber, Dea. Michael Greeley and
Mather Hayward for that purpose.

6. To know if the Town will give a bounty on broods head caught and
killed within the limits of the town. the ensuing year, Voted in the
affirmative. viz 20 cents for old and 10 cents for young broods heads to be
paid by the Town Treasurer.

To know if the town will direct the Selectmen to take an inventory of
Personal Estate for the purpose of taxation. Voted in the affirmative.
The Committee Article. To hear & act on the report of a Committee
who had under consideration the 8th & 9th articles in the warrant
for last March meeting, which was respecting the amount of money
necessary to repair the Highways & Bridges and the manner of ap-
portioning the same.

The Committee reported that the town raise 7,500 to be used in
the usual way, viz the several Town roads, also to raise one
hundred & fifty dollars, \$150, to be expended if necessary, under the su-
perintendence of a Committee on the Road from Lexington line to
the canalway in Cedar Swamp, & from the back River, to the Posters
to the New Road to Miller's line, they also report that an experiment
be made by a Committee for the purpose, in some place on the
Road, between the Meeting house & the Hill near Prospect, by
excavating a short distance, a proper depth, and filling the same
with small stones, and the earth above as remains to make
it permanent. The Town accepted the foregoing reports and
appointed Eliah Belane, Oliver H. Lane & George Lane
to take ^{care} and expend the above 150, if necessary, on the Road
and in the manner above mentioned, so as to keep said Road
constantly in good repair the ensuing year.

also to hear the report of the Committee ~~report~~ on the 8th article
in the warrant for last March meeting, respecting the support
of Poor. The Committee reported, that they ~~assessors of Poor~~
Selectmen let out the Poor, the present year to individuals, pro-
vided, provided they can at a fair price, if not, just price
person, to support their wife or a part as they shall think
proper. They further recommended that they appoint a commit-
tee to look out for a person to support Poor, and to inform the
Town thereof.

Michael Greeley } Committee
John Merriam }
Mather Hayward }

The Town accepted the foregoing report, and then a Committee as recommended, viz. Michael Crosby, John Merriam & Nathaniel Francis, the Town voted that the selectmen allow ^{for} John Hennes house rent \$18 for the present year.

The 9th article in last March Meeting was an respecting removal of Stables & stable ground which was recommended to the selectmen by the Committee respecting that the owners of the Stables standing south of the School house, viz. Dea Thaddeus Davis, Capt Elijah Shelton & Mr. Moses Page be directed to remove said stables, or take them down by the first day of June next, and be permitted to build anew on a ground hereafter assigned for this purpose, that a quantity of twelve feet at the North end of the plot of ground assigned for a school house and Town Hall, be reserved there a space of eighty feet in length running South to be bounded by a wall of feet, be assigned for stable ground, and that the Stables which shall be erected there, shall be built in one uniform range for the accommodation of people who live at a distance from the meeting house, as places to shelter their Horses & Carriages on Sabbath days, & for such occasions as the above located ground is a piece of for eight Stables, and find the following persons viz. to build viz. Dea Thaddeus Davis, Capt Elijah Shelton, Joseph or Aaron Brown, Moses Page, Amos Thad, Joshua Page, Dea Josiah Simonds, John Simonds & Amos Hartwell, therefore request that they be permitted to do so on the conditions as above.

Eldridge Towns Moderator

The Town accepted and confirmed the foregoing report.

Recorded by William Miller & Clerk

~~April 10th 1820. The selectmen agreed to the report directed by the Town, viz. to remove the Stables & stable ground & permit them to build a new range of stables on the ground assigned for this purpose, and to build a wall of feet, be assigned for stable ground, and that the Stables which shall be erected there, shall be built in one uniform range for the accommodation of people who live at a distance from the meeting house, as places to shelter their Horses & Carriages on Sabbath days, & for such occasions as the above located ground is a piece of for eight Stables, and find the following persons viz. to build viz. Dea Thaddeus Davis, Capt Elijah Shelton, Joseph or Aaron Brown, Moses Page, Amos Thad, Joshua Page, Dea Josiah Simonds, John Simonds & Amos Hartwell, therefore request that they be permitted to do so on the conditions as above.~~

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- May 8th 1826 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants met and acted on the article then contained as follows.
1. To choose a Representative to the General Court —
Made choice of William Webber for that purpose.
 2. To choose a Moderator for the transacting of town affairs —
Frederick Bacon was elected for the purpose.
 3. To know if the town will accept of & confirm a list of jurors made out by the Selectmen, Voted in the affirmative.
 4. To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year — Voted the sum of \$500.00.
 5. To know in what manner the town will procure the necessary steam firewood the ensuing year, Voted the usual way and appointed the Selectmen for the purpose.
 6. To know if the town will appoint a Committee to examine the town expenses & have them paid the same as last year, Voted in the affirmative. Committee Capt. Joel Fitch, Capt. Elijah Shattuck & John Moriam.
 7. To know if the town will make any alterations in the school district or in the distribution of the school money or do any thing respecting Schools they may think best — Voted a Committee to take the subject into consideration, & report to the town at next & December Meeting vs. Elijah Shattuck, Frederick Bacon, Benj. Simeon, John Moriam, Eleazer Davis, Mather Howard, Oliver W. Lane, Simeon Stearns, Simeon Blodgett & Dea Michael Greeley.

Recorded by William Webber & Clerk

The inhabitants of the Town appointed a Committee to consider & report at next Dec. Meeting, a plan for warming the meeting house, viz. Elijah Shattuck, Dea. Zebedee Simeon, Eleazer Davis, Capt. Joel Fitch, & Simeon Blodgett.

May - 1826:

The Selectmen let the care of the Meeting House & ringing of the bell at Auction, to Silphus Meriam the service to be performed the same as has been done heretofore for the year ensuing.

for the sum of \$24.70

John S. to George Rice in full for support of Meriam
and Lucy Meriam.

X. H. H.

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July 8th To Nehemiah Ball for Support of Wid Fairbanks 1814
mistake in place
12 to Martha Bowers for support of Diabets in pain 41120

October Meeting. 1826.

[L.S.]

Middlesex, To John Bacon a Constable of the Town
Bedford in said County. Greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn (by posting a copy
of this warrant in the Meeting house in said town) the freeholders
and other voteable inhabitants of said town, viz every
Male citizen of twenty one years of age upwards, (except paupers
& persons under Guardianship,) who shall have resided
within the Commonwealth one year, & within said town six
calendar months, next preceeding and who shall have paid
by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian any State or County
tax, which ^{within two years next preceeding} shall have been assessed upon him in any town or
district within the Commonwealth, and also every other citizen
who shall by Law be exempted from taxation, and in all other
respects qualified as above mentioned. To Meet at the Center
School house in said town, on Monday the second day of
October next, at three of the clock P.M. to consider and
act on the following Articles viz.

- Art 1st To appoint a Moderator for said Meeting.
2^d To ascertain the mind or wishes of the inhabitants of said
town in regard to furnishing the Town Hall with a
Gyrola, Spindled Vane, or do any thing respecting the
Subject they may think best.

Should fail not and make return of this warrant with your
doings thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said
Meeting

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford the 23^d day
of September A.D 1826

William Webber (Selectman)
Nathan Bacon

Middlesex, Sep 23 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified the
freeholders, & voteable inhabitants of Bedford, by posting a copy
of the within in the Meeting house at due time & place at
this time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

John Bacon Constable of,
Bedford

October 2 - 1826. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Town assembled, and acted on the article therein contained as follows, viz:

Art 1. To appoint a moderator for said meeting
made choice of Member Bacon for that purpose

2 To ascertain the minds or wishes of the inhabitants of said Town in regard to furnishing the Town Hall with a Cupola, Spindle and Vane, or doing any thing respecting the Subject they may think best.

The town voted to erect, a Cupola on said House, such as the Committee appointed to let out and superintend the building of said house may think best, and authorized them to cause the same to be done, & also to borrow money to pay the expense in the same way, they have for building said house.

May 1826 The Selectmen put out the Poor for support for the ensuing year, as follows, viz:

Wid. Ellen Meriam from 13th May 1826, to 13 May 1827, ^{if she should so long} to George Peirce in sickness & health five of any other expense to the town except

funeral charge for one dollar per week \$11.00

also Lucy Meriam to George Peirce on the same conditions as the above at forty two cents per week \$0.162

Mary Ann Meriam to Eldridge Meriam until she arrives to the age of 18 years, in sickness & health, to pay said Meriam as compensation for the same five dollars \$5.00

Violet a woman of colour to board, to Martha Bowers at per week. 0.182

Mary Maud a child of Asa Maud to Arza Page until she arrives to 18 years of age in sickness & health, the town to pay as compensation to said Asa Maud \$2.50 as out set and 25 cents per week until she arrives to the age of ten years, from May 16th 1826.

Ezther Ann & Lucy Maud children of Asa Maud, from 16 of May 1826. to 13 May 1827, to wid Mary Hartwell in sickness and health at one dollar per week \$11.00

Miss Ezther Maud & child, agreed to pay her fifty cents per week

Bellamy Page to Arza Page for one year, at fifty cents per week said Bellamy being returned to the Selectmen they on the August 10th 1826 put him to board with George Peirce at two dollars per week

on the Sept. 7th 1826 wid. Wheeler with George Peirce at 25 cents per week

Miss Zane to the Rev. Mr. Hall from May 13 to June 19 2.50

Do from June 19 to July 25 to James Clark 5.00

agreed to give her from July 25. until May 13th 1827 fifty cents per week towards her support.

400. Meeting 1826.

LS/ Middlesex Co. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County. Greeting.

You are required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
to Notify and warn, (by posting a copy of this warrant in the Meeting
House in said Town,) the freeholders and other Voteable inhabitants of said
Town, viz. Every male citizen of twenty one years of age and upwards
(except paupers & persons under Guardianship,) who shall have resided
within the Commonwealth one year, and within said Town six calendar
months, next preceding, and who shall have paid by himself, Parent
Master or Guardian, any State or County tax, which shall have been
within two years next preceding, assessed upon him in any Town
or district within the Commonwealth and also every other citizen
who shall be by law exempted from taxation, but in all other respects
qualified as above mentioned. To meet at the Old Center School House
in said Town on Monday the sixth day of November next, at two
of the Clock, in the afternoon, to consider and act on the following
Articles, viz.

Art 1st To give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative of the
Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for the
Middlesex district.

2. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transactions of Town affairs

3. To hear the report of a Committee appointed at a former Meeting
respecting purchasing a farm for the use of the Town,
also the report of a Committee, respecting warming the Meeting House
and act thereon as they may think best.

4 To know what method the town will take to warm the Center School
House.

5 By request of Benjamin Simonds & others, Proprietors of Tombs,
To know if the town will move or straighten the wall on the west
side of the Burying Ground, or do any thing respecting it, and also to
grant said Proprietors two feet of ground on the North end of the Bury-
ing Ground, to accommodate them with a pass way with Carriages, or
do any thing they may think best, concerning the same.

And fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon
unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 23. day of Nov.

AD. 1826.

William Webber

Menben Bacon

Amos Hartwell.

} Selectmen

Middlesex Co. Bedford October 28th 1826.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the
inhabitants of said Town, by posting a copy of the same in the Meeting
house to assemble at the time & place for the purpose within
mentioned.

John Bacon. Constable.

Nov. 6th 1826,

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Taunton, assembled, and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz,

1st To give in their votes to the selectmen for a Representative of the Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Middlesex district.

The votes being put in sorted & counted, it appeared there were for the Hon.

Edward Everett Esq of Charlestown forty one votes — 41

2 To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of Town affairs.

John Meniam, chosen Moderator. — — —

3 To hear the report of a Committee appointed at a former Meeting respecting purchasing a farm for the use of the Town.

After some discussion on the subject, the town voted to recommit the said subject to the same Committee, & to report to the Town at Next March Meeting.

Also to hear the report of a Committee respecting warming the Meeting House, and act thereon as they may think best. The Committee made no official report, after much conversation on the subject, the Town recommitted the matter, or subject, to the same Committee, and appointed Roger Lane to fill the place of Dea Ebenezer Lincoln, & to report at Next March Meeting.

4 To know what method the town will take to warm the Center School House. The Town added the Selectmen to the Committee appointed by said district, to provide fire places or stoves, as in their opinion will be suitable to warm said house, and draw the expense thereof out of the Town Treasurer. — — —

5 By request of Benjamin Lincoln, J. & others Proprietors of Tombs, To know if the Town will move or straighten the wall on the west side of the Burying Ground, or do any thing respecting it, and also to grant said Proprietors two feet of ground, on the North end of the Burying yard, to accommodate them with a pass way with Carriages or do any thing they may think best concerning the same. The Town Voted to grant the request of the Petitioners, and appointed the Committee who have the Superintendence of the building said Tombs to direct the moving said wall, as they shall ^{think} suitable and proper, and draw the expense thereof from the Town Treasurer.

Proceeded by William Webber Town Clerk

December 9th 1826, the Selectmen put John Moor a hanger, to Benjn Blanchard of Taunton for support, from this date to the first of June next for the sum of 70 cents per week, free from any other expense to the town.

3-1-2 March Meeting 1827,

Heal. Middlesex Co. To John Bacon a Constable of the Town of Bedford
in said County ———— greeting.

You are required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
to Notify and warn, (by posting a copy of this warrant in the meeting
house in said town) all the freeholders and other valuable inhabitants
of said town, viz. every male citizen of twenty one years of age upwards
(except paupers and persons under Guardianship) who shall have resi-
ded within the Commonwealth one year and within said town six
calendar months next preceding, and who shall have paid by him-
self, Parent, master or Guardian, any State or County tax which shall
within two years next preceding have been assessed upon him in any
town or district within the Commonwealth, and also every citizen
who shall be by law exempted from taxation, and in all other respects
qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the Old Center School house
in said town on Monday the fifth day of March next, at Twelve
of the clock at noon, to consider and act on the following articles, viz.

Articles to choose a moderator for said meeting.

- 1 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year
 - 2 To choose town officers for the ensuing year, viz. Town Clerk, - Selectmen
Assessor, Overseers of Poor - Town Treasurer, Collector, Constables,
Surveyors of Lands, Cutlers of hoops & staves, Horse viewees, Tything men
Field drivers, scales of weights & measures, Surveyors of highways &
Hogreeves. -
 - 4 To raise money for repair of Highways & Bridges, the ensuing year.
 - 5 To know in what manner the town will repair the highways & bridges
the ensuing year,
 - 6 To know if the town will restrain Near Cattle and horses from going
at large on the highways & common lands in said town the ensuing year,
 - 7 To know what method the town will take to collect the taxes the ensuing year.
 - 8 To know what method the town will take to support the Poor the present year.
 - 9 To hear the Committee report of respecting warning the Meeting house.
 - 10 To know what method the town will take to level the ground around the town &
School house, or do any thing respecting said house they may think proper.
 11. by request of Joel Fitch & others. To know if the town will take any measures
to repair the Neck Road, & old caneway so called, in the Northwesterly part of
said town, or do any thing they may think proper respecting the same. -
- He is of said not and make return of this warrant to one of the Selectmen with you,
done by the time of said meeting,

Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 19th day of February AD 1827.

Members Bacon } Selectmen of
Amos Hentwell } said Bedford

Middlesex Co. February 24th 1827. Pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified and warned the freeholders & other valuable inhabitants of Bedford
by posting a copy of this warrant in the meeting house a directed to
assemble at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned

John Bacon Const. of said Bedford.

March 5th 1827. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Town assembled, and acted on the articles in said warrant as follows, viz:

Article 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting, made choice of John Meriam Esq.

2^d To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The votes being put in sorted & counted there were for John Hoyer of Concord 91. Votes

3^d To choose Town officers for the ensuing year, viz:

Town Clerk, William Webber, sworn into office

Selectmen, William Webber, Theobald Bacon } sworn in to office as Selectmen
and Amos Hartwell. } and as assessors as the law directs

Overseers of Poor, John Meriam Esq. Dea. Michael Crosby & Elijah Stearns Esq.

Town Treasurer, John Bacon, sworn into office

Collector, David Fitch, for which service he is to have 19th of Dec. to give bonds for the faithful performance of said duties, as prescribed by the Town.

and was sworn into office —

Constables, John Bacon & James Webber, & were sworn into office

Surveyors of Lumber, Simon Blodgett & Joshua Page, sworn into office —

Cullen of Hooped Staves, David Reed & Silas Dudley, sworn into office —

Town Viewers, Eliab Boland & David Taylor, sworn into office —

Pythingmen, William Everett — June Robinson, sworn into office

Guild Drivers - Obed Pollard — sworn into office —

~~Town Viewers~~ Benjamin Rice, sworn into office

Capt. Edward Flint —

William Hannaford & sworn into office

Benjamin A. Webber sworn into office

Dealer of weights & measures Joshua Page, sworn into office

Surveyors of Highways Eliab Boland sworn into office

Olivier D. Abbott, sworn into office

Jonah Hill — sworn into office

Matthias Heyward sworn into office

John B. Bartholomew sworn into office

Benjamin F. Hartwell, sworn into office

Eliaser Davis — sworn into office

Robert Edwards —

Dea. Michael Crosby sworn into office

Hogsemen — — — — — Ellenridge Stearns

Benjamin A. Webber sworn into office

Thomas Webber sworn into office

Charles Spaulding sworn into office

Edmund Hoar —

Art. 4th To raise money for repair of Highways & Bridges the ensuing year —

Voted the sum of \$500. to be laid out in the same as the last year —

5th To know in what manner the Town will repair the high ways and Bridge the year ensuing, appointed Oliver W. Lane Roger Lane & Joseph Brown a Committee to consider and report at April meeting next, the best manner.

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- manner or mode for the Town to keep in repair the Easter Road from Lexington line to Carleton Bridge, & from Dec. Pastors to Billerica line exclusive of the ordinary highway tax
- 6th To know if the Town will refrain that cattle & Horses from going at large on the High ways and Common lands within the limits of the Town, the ensuing year. Voted in the affirmative -
- 7th To know what method the Town will take to collect the taxes the ensuing year. Voted the same as the last year. -
- 8th To know what method the Town will take to support the Poor the present year. Voted that the be referred to the Board of Overseers of Poor, to report to the Town at next April Meeting, to which time this article is adjourned.
- 9th To hear the report of the Committee respecting warming the Meeting house. The Town voted to discharge said Committee from any further consideration on the subject, and appointed a new Committee. Viz Joshua Page Michael Crosby Joel Fitch Mather Howard & Benjamin Richards, to take the subject into consideration, and report to the Town ~~and~~ at next April Meeting, to which time this article stands adjourned.
- 10th To know what method the Town will take to level the ground around the Town and School house or do any thing respecting said house they may think proper, voted that the Committee appointed to build said house, be authorized to level the ground around said house, as they may think best, and instructed them, to so that the house be finished, before next April Meeting if practicable and make report to the Town their doings, at said April meeting to which time this article stands adjourned. -
- 11th By request of Joel Fitch and others, to know if the Town will take any measure, to repair the North Road & old causeway, so called in the Northwesterly part of said Town, or do any thing they may think proper respecting the same. Voted to refer the subject to the Committee who have the subject of the repair of the Easter Road.

Recorded by William Webber Town Clerk.

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[L.S.] Middlesex Co. To James Webber a Constable of the Town of Bedford in said County.

greeting,
You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the freeholders & other Voteable inhabitants of said Town, & every male citizen of twenty one years of age upwards, (except paupers and persons under Guardianship,) who shall have resided in the Commonwealth one year, and within said Town six calendar months, next preceeding, and who shall have paid by himself, Parrant, Master or Guardian, any State or County tax, which shall within two years next preceeding have been assessed upon him in any Town or district within the Commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation, but in all other respects, qualified as above mentioned. To meet at the School house in the center of said Town on Monday the second day of April next, at one of the clock P.M. to consider and act on the following articles, viz.

- Art 1. To give in their votes for a Governor & Lieut. Governor for said Commonwealth, and also for five Senators & Councilors for the Middlesex District.
2. To choose a Moderator for transaction of Town affairs.
3. To raise money for support of schools, and appoint a school Committee for the ensuing year.
4. To appoint Trustees for the Page & Hartwell fund the present year.
5. To know if the Town will give a bounty for crows caught & killed within the limits of the Town, the ensuing year.
6. To know if the Town will direct their assessor to take an inclose of personal Estate for the purpose of taxation, the ensuing year.
7. To hear reports of Committees, viz. on roads, also on the subject of warming the meeting house, and also respecting the Town & School house referred from last March meeting.
8. To know if the Town will procure a fire Establishment for the greater security of the Publick and private property in the Buildings of this Town, to consist of a fire Engine & necessary apparatus for working it, the Organization of a Company of fire men, & an Engine house or do any thing concerning this subject.

If you fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing, thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said meeting,
Given under our hands & Seal at Bedford this nineteenth of March, 1827,

William Webber } Selectmen
Theobald Brown }

Bedford March 26th 1827

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned & Notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to Assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

James Webber, Constable.

1827, April 2. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants assembled and acted on the articles therein contained as follows, Art. 1. For choice of Governor Levi governor & Senators Dec.

the votes being first in sorted & counted &c. there were, for Governor His Excellency Levi Lincoln of Worcester 25 votes
For Hon. William C. Jarvis of Charlestown 67.
For Lieut. Governor

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop of Boston 92

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. John Hayes of Concord 93

" Leonard M. Parker of Charlestown 92

" Abel Jewett of Pippin 93

" Luke Fiske of Waltham 92

" Benjamin D. Varnum of Braintree 93

" Timothy Fuller of Cambridge 2

" Samuel Hoar Jr. of Concord 2

" Calvin Sanger of Sherburne 2

" Asahel Stearns of Cambridge 2

2. Edmund Parker of Reading

3. To choose a Moderator for transactions of town affairs made choice of Merben Bacon for that purpose.

4. To raise money for support of schools, and ^{appoint} a School Committee for the ensuing year. - Voted the sum of \$450.00 and appointed the Rev. Samuel Stearns, Thompson Bacon, Esq. and Dea Amos Hartwell, a Committee to ^{superintend} the schools, the ensuing year. to deposit ^{to the by them made provision} books in ^{for the use of} the schools.

5. To appoint Trustees for the Paid Hartwell fund the present year made choice of William Webber, Dea. Michael Greeley and Mather Hayward, for the purpose.

6. To know if the town will give a bounty for Crow heads caught & killed within the limits of the town the present year. the town postponed the article indefinitely.

7. To know if the town will direct their assessors, to take an invoice of personal estate for the purpose of taxation the present year. Voted in the affirmative.

8. To hear the reports of Committees, viz. on roads, also on the subject of warming the meeting house, and also respecting the Town & School house, as read from last March Meeting

9. The Committee on roads reported that it is necessary for the town to raise the sum of \$150. to be expended on the great road from Lexington line to Carleton Bridge, and ^{to} Bibbica line near Elbridge Stearns exclusive of the ordinary highway work, & that the two surveyors in the Center & North districts, together with one agent to be appointed by the town be authorized to expend the same. -

The Town accepted the foregoing report, with the following amendment, viz.
 Voted to strike the words Surveyor of the Town & North districts and
 appointed Joseph Brown sole agent for the purpose therein expressed.
 The same Committee who had under consideration the creek mead and
 old causeway, so called, reported that the Town, direct the Surveyor of
 highways in the North district to work out five dollars of his
 list on said mead the present year.

Oliver W. Lane, Jr. order

The Town accepted the foregoing report

The Committee appointed at last March Meeting on the subject
 of warming the Meeting house, reported & ~~followed~~ three modes
 first by erecting a furnace under the Meeting house, with fun-
 nels to pass through the house and out at the roof. Secondly
 by placing stoves in the entry with funnels to pass through
 the house, & out as above. Thirdly, by Petching of each end
 of the Entry as far as the stairways that lead into the Gallery
 and place Cast iron box stoves in said ends of the entry, with
 funnels passing through, & out of said house as above, refer-
 ence to the report, (which is filed with the warrant for this
 Meeting,) may be had for further particulars, after some
 discussion of the

Joshua Page, Jr. order

after some discussion, upon the foregoing report, a
 Motion was made to know if the Town would warm
 the Meeting house, in any way, - it passed in the Affir-
 mative, twenty one voting in favour, and forty eight
 against.

The Committee for building the Town & School house who were
 to report at this Meeting, informed the Town that they
 were not ready to make report, and asked leave to delay
 the same until May Meeting Next, which was accepted
 and ordered that they report the whole expense of building
 said house, by the several items, also the quality of work
 and stock &c.

8th. To know if the Town will procure a fire Establishment for the
 greater security of the Publick and private property in the
 buildings of this Town, to consist of a fire Engine & necessary
 apparatus for working it, the organization of a Company of
 fire men & an Engine house, or as any thing concerning
 this subject, the Town appointed a Committee of three men
 to wit: Benjamin Simonds, Charles Bacon & Elijah Plambers
 to report thereon at next March Meeting.

Recorded by William Webber Towns Clerk

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April 2^d 1827.

The Overseers of Poor, sold at Auction, sundry articles of Personal Estate, being the effects of Mrs Anna Wheeler, late of Bridford, deceased, a pauper, amounting to the sum of — \$ 48⁰⁰ 73

and appropriated said sum towards the support of said pauper, collected by Amos Hartwell, & paid for Town expenses see New Book page 6.

Statement of the cost & disposition of the School Books bought by the School Committee of the Town of Bridford for the use of the publick schools, of said Town for the year 1826.

Debt. of Richardson & Lord's Mills — — — — \$ 72⁰⁰ 84.

Do. " John Steaps — — — — — 39⁰⁰ 84

Total amount Purchased — — — — \$ 112⁰⁰ 18

Accounted for as follows, viz,

Dd. for the use of destitute Schollers in the schools }
as for the keepers of the deposits acct. of the same } 3⁰⁰ 80
rendered as required by law to the Overseers

Dd. B. Simonds the Clerk of the School Committee }
to compose a Library for the use of the Committee } 8⁰⁰ 58

Am't d'd. out by the Keeper of the depot. E. }
Stearns & Co, for which he is answerable to the } 40⁰⁰ 08
Treasurer of the Town — — — —

Am't of Books in the hands of E. Stearns & Co }
Keeper of the depot, as per his account — — } 29⁰⁰ 72

\$ 112⁰⁰ 18

Bridford April 2^d 1827

Attest. Benj^l Simonds Clerk of the School Committee for the year 1826,

Account of School Books del. destitute Schollars by Elijah Stearns

Keeper of the deposits in the Town of Bridford, for the year 1826, viz

1826, July 1st 1 Dictionary del. w^{id} Martha Fitch for Lydia Fitch — 0⁰⁰ 63

5th 1 Spelling Book del. B. Simonds for Esther Reed — 0⁰⁰ 17

10th 1 Dictionary del. Susanna Gleason — — — — 0⁰⁰ 63

1827, Jan'y 3rd 1 Worcester Geography del. Lydia Fitch — — — 1⁰⁰ 25

11th 1 Reading lessons del. w^{id} M. Hartwell for Esther Reed — 0⁰⁰ 18

13th 2 Popular lessons del. M. Hay ward for L & B. Gleason — 0⁰⁰ 60

Feb. 3rd 1 Spelling Book del. Eley Clark — — — — 0⁰⁰ 17

\$ 3⁰⁰ 80

Middlesex Jr.

May meeting 1827

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[S.S.] To John Baron a Constable of the Town of Bedford in P. County
You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth, { Greeting
of Massachusetts, to Summon and Notify the voteable inhabitants of
said Town, viz. every citizen of twenty one years of age & upwards
(except paupers & persons under guardianship,) and who shall reside
within the Commonwealth one year, & within said Town, six
calendar months, next preceeding, and who shall have paid
by himself, Parent, Master or Guardian, any State or County tax
which shall, within two years next preceeding, have been assessed upon
him in any Town or district within the Commonwealth; and
also every citizen who shall be by Law exempted from taxation,
but in all other respects qualified as above mentioned. —
To Meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the twentieth
day of May Next, at one of the Clock P.M. for the purpose of act-
ing on the following articles, viz.

- Art 1 To bring in their votes for a Representative, to represent them in
the General Court of this Commonwealth, to be convened & holden
at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next
- 2 To choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs.
- 3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the present year
- 4 To know in what method the Town will procure the firewood for the
Mrs. Samuel Stearns, the present year
- 5 To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to examine the Town
expenses, the ensuing year, also the Treasurers books respecting
debts and credits.
- 6 To hear the report of a Committee appointed to superintend
the building the School house & Town Hall, or do any thing respecting
the same.
- 7 Upon the request of Mrs Hannah Chud. To know if the Town will new-
set her wall, on the hill near her Barn being dug under by the narrowness
of Highways, for gravel to repair high ways, or do any thing respecting it.
- 8 To choose an Overseer of Poor in room of Elijah Stearns & resignee.
- 9 To know if the Town will allow Cap. Moses Abbott School Committee
for the center district for the repair of the old School house
- 10 To appoint a Committee to expend that part of the proceeds of the Cape
fund to be laid out in teaching and music.
- 11 To if the Town will paint their Meeting house, or do any thing respect-
ing the same.

Hence forth not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon unto one of the Selectmen by the time of said Meeting
Given under our hands & seal at Bedford this 23^d day of April 1827,
William Hibber { Selectmen
Benjamin Baron
Amos Harbottle.

Middlesex Jr. April 28th 1827. Pursuant to the within warrant
I have notified & warned the voteable inhabitants of Bedford by posting
a copy of the within in the meeting house, to assemble at the time
& place & for the purposes within mentioned.

John Baron

{ Constable of
Bedford.

May Meeting 1829.

May 4th 1829. Cameant to the foregoing warrant, the voteable inhabitants of the Town of Oxford, assembled and acted on the articles therein contained, as follows, viz:

- 1st To bring in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to be convened and held on at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next, the votes being brought in counted & sorted. It appeared that William Noble was chosen, for that purpose.
- 2 To choose a Moderator for the transaction of Town affairs, made choice of Chester Bacon for that purpose.
- 3 To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the Town the ensuing year. Voted the sum of \$800 for that purpose.
- 4 To know in what method the Town will procure the fire wood for Mr. Thos. Samuel Starns the present year. Voted that the Selectmen purchase wood at auction of the lowest bidder.
- 5 To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to examine the Town's expenses the ensuing year, also the Town's accounts books respecting debts & credits. John Meniam, Thompson Bacon, Esquire & Benjamin Simonds were appointed to that service.
- 6 To hear the report of a Committee appointed to superintend the building the School & Town house, or do any thing respecting the same. The Committee reported in part the expense, and their acceptance of said house. The Town referred the same to the said Committee, with full power, to settle with the person who undertook to build said house, and accept the same, or in case they should refuse to accept it, not being done agreeably to contract, to pursue any other course they may think well & most beneficial to the Town, and report their doings with the full expense of said house, & contingencies to the Town at a future meeting.
- 7 Upon the request of widow Hannah Need, to know if the Town will newset her wall on the hill near her Barn, being dug under by the Surveyor of Highway, for gravel to repair said ways or do any thing respecting it. Voted that the Surveyor of Highways or said Road, newset said wall, as highway work, from time to time as they shall carry of the gravel to her line, the wall to be of sufficient height, well founded.
- 8 To choose an Overseer of Poor, in the room of Elijah Stearns & resigned. The Town made choice of John Bacon, to fill said vacancy.

- Art. 9 To know if the Town will allow Capt. Moses Abbott, School Committee for the Center district, for repairs of the old school house, voted to allow said Abbott ten dollars for said repairs & that said sum be drawn from the Town Treasurer —
- 10 To appoint a Committee, to expend, that part of the Proceeds of the Page fund, to be laid out in teaching sacred Music. —
The Town appointed Reuben Bacon, David Reed & Gustavus Holmes for the purpose. —
- 11 To know if the Town will paint their Meeting house or do any thing respecting it, the Town voted in the affirmative, and appointed William Everett a Committee for causing the same to be done with authority to make necessary repairs, inside and out on & hence viz buttons to fasten the windows, repair the door which enter the Galleries, & the bell door, inside blinds to two ^{upper} windows at the South end of said house, and suitable chains at the front or middle door, well farned, the House to be painted white to put two coats of paint on the Clap boards & 3 coats on the raised work, the work to be performed the present season, also voted that the expense be paid, out of the interest arising from the surplus money the Town in said house sold, if sufficient, otherwise, the residue out of the principal, and directed the Treasurer to collect ~~the same~~ and pay over the same to said Committee as he may need, to accomplish said work.

Ordered by William Webber Town Clerk

May 7th 1827, the Selectmen, appointed
John Bacon to be Pound keeper
Jesse Robinson to be Sexton
Thomas Hurd to be keeper of Horses
and Stephen Fletcher and 2 measurers of
Thomas Hurd. } Wood & Bark

Also let out the ringing of the Bell, & sweeping the Meeting house &c, every part herebefore designated to be performed in suitable manner, for one year.

to Charles Spaulding for the sum of — — \$31.00

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Bedford July 6th 1812.

This day settled with Dea. Moses Fitch town Treasurer,
and Rec. of him five hundred & sixty Dollars - said
sum being my salary in full for the year beginning
April 27th 1811 and ending April 27th 1812. -

Samuel Stearns. -

Bedford July 5th 1813 -

Rec. of Dea. Moses Fitch town Treasurer, five
hundred and sixty Dollars - said money being my
salary in full for the year beginning April 27th
1812 and ending April 27th 1813. -

Samuel Stearns.

October 4th 1824

John Bacon Town Treasurer. Charged with the following Notes, &c.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Mrs. Samuel Stearns Bond | \$ 1000.00 |
| James Webber Note, (if collected) | 10.78 |
| James & Francis Wilson Note | 435.00 |
| Limestone Paper Note | 111.00 |
| Wish Goodwins Note | 200.00 |
| James Wright - " | 41.49 |
| Christopher Page " | 38.81 |
| Job Lanes - " | 21.90 |
| David Needs " | 98.80 |
| William Goodings " | 20.00 |
| Nathaniel Payer " | 79.26 |
| Ada Mead " | 78.00 |

Oct 4th 1824

Charged with Jonathan Lang a Late Collectors Note

being for taxes due from Jers. Bacon, James Clark, Joel Gleason, George Pierce, & William Willis, if collected } \$ 11.05

Also charged with interest received on Wish Goodwins

Notes & on the Pew Notes - - - - - 1.864

Oct^r 24th 1824 John Bacon Town Treasurer charged with money received to defray the expense of the Chelmsford Road (called), as per following Notes given by him on the Credit of the Town.

| | | |
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| To Messrs Bacon Feb ^r 12 th 1824 | — — — — — | \$ 28.00 |
| Do Moser Fitch April 8 th | — — — — — | 75.00 |
| To John Bacon Apr. 14 | — — — — — | 100.00 |
| To Ann P. Meriam Nov. 11 th 1824 | — — — — — | 160.00 |

Oct^r 4th 1824

An account of money paid out of the above Notes for opening the Chelmsford Road, by said Treasurer

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| To Hebedials Rogers as damages & interest | — — — — — | \$ 64.03 |
| " Saml. Brown for labor for making Road | — — — — — | 33.24 |
| " Stephen Lane for damage | — — — — — | 48.00 |
| " John Fitch for damages apportioned by Courts Committee | — — — — — | 6.00 |
| " Lincoln Stearns " " " " " | — — — — — | 90.00 |
| " Abel Green for Making Road in part | — — — — — | 10.00 |
| " Interest on R Bacon note to 11 th Nov 1824 | — — — — — | 2.75 |
| " Interest on J Meriam Note to Ann P. Meriam | — — — — — | 6.00 |
| " Interest on Moser Fitch's Note | — — — — — | 4.50 |
| " Interest on all John Bacon \$100. one year | — — — — — | 6.00 |



M^r. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in Reckoning with
 the Selectmen on the forth Day of July 3^d 1803
 returned the following persons in debt to the
 town as set against their names
 viz Joseph P. Lane by his Note of hand
 to M^r. John Reed y^e the sum of five Hundred and
 seventy five Dollars and thirty cents —
 July 4th 1803 M^r. Moses Fitch town Treasurer charged
 the sum of one Hundred and seventy eight Dollars
 and fifty eight cents it being a part of the M^r.
 Mearns Salary for the present year. Taken
 is committed to John Reed y^e to collect —
 November 28th M^r. Moses Fitch Treasurer charged with
 the over and of the State & County Tax, the sum of
 December 2th 1803 M^r. Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
 with the town tax, the sum of Eleven Hundred & seventy
 five Dollars & seventy cents
 and also the arrears of the Highway Tax Dated April 11th
 1803 the sum of twenty eight Dollars & two cents
 the above Sums are committed to John Reed y^e to collect
 March 5th 1804 M^r. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged
 with the sum of ten Dollars & twelve cents To Sumner
 taken from P^r Treasurer to support Miss Robertson in
 her last sickness
 April 7th 1804 M^r. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the town
 of Bedford charged with a Note of hand dated
 this day against Charles Clark and James Hartsh
 in on both of Cambridge for the sum of three
 Hundred and thirty four Dollars & 9 cents —
 June 13th 1804 M^r. Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
 with the sum of one hundred & eleven Dollars
 & forty six cents
 Dollars, committed to Capt John Webber to collect
 November 2th 1804 M^r. Moses Fitch town Treasurer
 charged with the sum of ten Dollars & ninety cents
 it being over and in the State & County Tax & commi
 ted to Capt Webber to collect —
 December 15th 1804 M^r. Moses Fitch town Treasurer
 charged with the sum of one thousand three Hun
 dred & thirty Dollars and two cents; it being
 the town Tax for the present year; and is commi
 ted to Capt John Webber to collect —
 February 18th 1805 — the above charges were
 all settled with the Treasurer —

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| M ^r Moses Fitch Treasurer for the town of D ^r ford | | |
| in Reckoning with the Selectmen on the 18 th day | | |
| of February A.D. 1805 - returned the several | | |
| persons hereafter named in debt to the town | | |
| in the respective sums set against their names & | | |
| viz the Rev. M ^r Samuel Mearns by his Bond | | |
| of one thousand Dollars | | |
| Charles Clark & James Hutchinson of | | |
| Cambridge by their note of hand the sum of | 334 | 89 |
| Garrison & Lane by their Note of hand | 68 | 80 |
| also Capt John Webster the sum of | 1517 | 41 |
| also the Treasurer M ^r Moses Fitch charged | | |
| him self with the sum of - in his hand | 159 | 19 |
| February 19 th 1805 M ^r Moses Fitch Treasurer | | |
| charged with the amount of the Highway tax | | |
| dated April 20 th 1804 the sum of | 10 | 01 |
| which sum is committed to Capt John Webster to collect | | |
| March 10 th 1805 M ^r Moses Fitch Town Treasur | | |
| er charged with a note of hand dated | | |
| May 15 th 1799 given to the w ^{id} Mary Heathwell | | |
| for the sum of twenty Dollars - only two | | |
| years interest paid on said Note | 20 | 00 |
| July 1 st 1805 M ^r Moses Fitch ^{Town} Treasurer | | |
| charged with four Dollars eighty cents | 4 | 80 |
| it being interest received upon a Note of hand | | |
| July June 25 th 1805 M ^r Moses Fitch Treasurer | | |
| charged with the sum of ^{five} eight hundred & twenty four Dollars | 224 | 01 |
| Committed to M ^r Asa Webber to collect | | |
| December 25 th 1805 M ^r Moses Fitch Treasurer for the | | |
| ^{Proposed charge} Town with the over run of the State & County tax | | |
| the sum of | 17 | 65 |
| December 25 th 1805 M ^r Moses Fitch Treasurer charged | | |
| with the Town tax for the present year | 1395 | 22 |
| also charged with the amount of highway tax | 16 | 71 |
| Committed to M ^r Asa Webber to collect | | |
| March 21 st 1806 the above charges were | | |
| all settled with the Treasurer | | |

Dr. M. Fitch Treasurer for the Town of Bedford
in reckoning with the Selectmen on the 24th day of March
A.D. 1806 returned the following persons heretofore named
Indebted to the Town, in the respective sums set against
their names, viz. the Rev. Samuel Stearns by \$
his bond of one Thousand Dollars

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| Gertham S. Larnaby his Note of hand the sum of | 68-80 |
| John Reed a late collector the sum of | 36-85 |
| Capt John Webber a late collector the sum of | 19-00 |
| The Treasurer Money on hand the sum of | 48-91 |

June 24th 1805 Dr. M. Fitch charged with the sum
of two hundred & twenty four Dollars & eighty one cts
Committed to Asa Webber to collect

December 25th 1805 Dr. M. Fitch Treasurer
charged with the over-run of the State & county
tax the sum of seventeen Dollars & sixty five cts
Committed to Asa Webber to collect

December 25th 1805 Dr. Moses Fitch Treasurer
charged with the Town tax for the present year
it being the sum of one Thousand three
hundred & thirty five Dollars & twenty two cents

also the arrears of the highway tax the sum of
Committed to Asa Webber to collect

January 27th 1806 the above charges were all settled with the Treasurer

June 20th 1806 Dr. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer
charged with the sum of three hundred
& twenty six Dollars & thirty six cents

Committed to Asa Webber a Collector to collect
it being the one half of the full term Salary &c.

December 22nd 1806 Dr. Moses Fitch Treasurer of
said Town charged with the School house tax, it
being the sum of four hundred & two Dollars and
seventy two cents

December 22nd 1806 Dr. Moses Fitch Treasurer of
said Town charged with the Town tax for the present
year, it being the sum of one thousand two hun-
dred thirty six Dollars & sixteen cents

also charged with the arrears of the Highway tax
for the present year, the sum of seventeen Dollars
and thirty two cents

December 22nd 1806 Dr. Moses Fitch Treasurer of
said Town charged with the over-run of the
State and county tax for the present year
it being the sum of four Dollars & seven cents
January 27th 1806 the above charges were all
settled with the Treasurer

July 1st 1805 brought from the old book page 30.

Received of Mr. Moses Fitch Treasurer in orders
and receipts the sum of one thousand one hundred
and seventy eight Dollars and forty seven cents
in part of his charge ————— \$1178-47

February 28th 1806. Received of Moses Fitch
Treasurer in orders and receipts the sum of
four hundred and twenty eight Dollars and
eighteen cents in part of his charge ————— \$428-18

July 7th 1806 Received of Dr. Moses Fitch Treasurer
in orders the sum of Eight hundred & five
Dollars and Seventy cents in part of his charge ————— \$805-70

February 27 1807 Received of Dr. M. Fitch Treasurer in
orders and receipts the sum of Nine hundred and twenty
nine Dollars and sixty four cents ————— \$929-64

July 6th 1807 the Selectmen Received of Dea. Moses
Fitch ^{Treasurer} in orders & receipts in part of his charge
the sum of One thousand six hundred & eighty
eight Dollars & six cents ————— \$1688-06

March 4th 1808 the Selectmen Received of Dea. Moses
Fitch Treasurer, in orders in part of his charge
the sum of two hundred and eighty two Dollars
and sixty one cents ————— \$282-61

July 4th 1808 the Selectmen Received of
Moses Fitch in orders and receipts the sum of
two thousand & forty two Dollars and ninety four
cents in part of his charge ————— \$2042-94

February 27th 1807 Dea M. Fitch Town Treasurer, in
reckoning with the Selectmen returned the following
Deacons indebted to the Town in the support of the Church
Minister viz the Rev. Mr. Stearns, by his care of one
thousand Dollars — — — — — \$1000 = —
Jesurun Lane by his Note of loaned the sum of — 68 = —
Asa Webster Collector viz the several sums committed
to him to collect for the year 1806 Making the sum of
two thousand and seventy one Dollars and sixty four
cents — — — — — \$2071 = 64

March 24th 1807 Dea M. Fitch charged with
the sum of thirty Dollars in cash — — — — — 30 = 00

June 17th 1807 Dea M. Fitch Town Treasurer
Charged with the sum of one thousand two hundred and
seventeen Dollars and thirty two cents — — — — — \$1217 = 92
it being the one half of the Rev. Mr. Stearns salary for
the present year, and also for opening a road from
Bedford Meeting to Lexington line &c — — —

October 29th 1807 M. Fitch Town Treasurer
Charged with the sum of two hundred and eight Dollars & fifteen cents,
\$208 = 15
it being for the purchase & completing the School House in
the middle of the Town — — — — —

December 25th 1807 Dea M. Fitch Town Treasurer charged with
the sum of one thousand four hundred & sixty Dollars and
twenty cents it being the several grants of the Town to defray
the ordinary charges thereof and the remainder of the Rev.
Mr. Stearns salary the present year &c. — — — — — \$1460 = 20
Committed unto James Fitch to collect — — —

March 11th 1808 Dea M. Fitch Town Treasurer charged
with the sum of one hundred & twenty two Dollars & twenty two cents
committed unto Elijah Putnam
to collect. — — — — — \$122 = 22

June 13th 1808 Dea M. Fitch Treasurer, charged with
the sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars and
eighty six cents it being the one half of the Rev.
Samuel Stearns salary for the present year and also
the addition of fifty Dollars voted by the Town on
the 4 day of April last — — — — — \$225 = 86
committed to Elijah Putnam to collect — — —

July 11th 1808 the above charges were all
settled with the Treasurer

July 1st 1808 Moses Fitch Treasurer of Bedford, in reckoning with the selectmen returned the following persons indebted to the Town, viz
The Rev. Samuel Stearns by his bond the sum of
one thousand Dollars - - - - - \$1000-00
Gershom & Lane by his vote of hand - - - 68-80
Tea Wobber a collector for the year 1806
the sum of fifty nine Dollars & eighty cents - 59-80
James Wobber a collector for the year 1807
the sum of nine hundred & three Dollars
and twenty seven cents - - - - - 903-77
charged himself with money on hand - - - 10-77

March 11th 1808 Do^r Moses Fitch charged with the
over and of the county tax the sum of twelve Dollars
and twenty two cents committed to Elijah Putnam
to collect - - - - - 12-22

June 18th 1808 Moses Fitch Treasurer charged
with the one half of the Rev. Samuel Stearns salary
for the present year and also the sum of 308th
voted him by the Town on the 4th day of April
last as a compensation for the depreciation of
his salary. the sum of two hundred & twenty
five Dollars & eighty six cents, committed
to Elijah Putnam to collect. - - - \$225-86

December 19th 1808 Moses Fitch Treasurer for the Town of
Bedford charged with the Town tax for defraying the ordinary
charges, support of school & the remainder of Mr Stearns salary
&c. &c and also the over and of the State & County taxes, and
advers of the Highways for the present year,
being the sum of one thousand three hundred and
sixty nine Dollars and one cent. - - - \$1369-01

March 3^d 1809 Received of Moses Fitch Treasurer, in order
and receipt in part of his charge the sum of seven
hundred & twenty nine Dollars and three cents \$729-03

June 2^d 1809 Moses Fitch ~~for the~~ Treasurer for the Town of
Bedford with the sum of two hundred & twenty five
Dollars & eighty seven cents, it being the one half of the
for the present year
Rev. Samuel Stearns salary, together with the present
of fifty Dollars agreeably to a vote of the Town. - - - \$225-87

July 3^d 1809 Received of Moses Fitch Treasurer, in order and receipt
in part of his charge the sum of thirteen hundred & forty
four cents. - - - \$1304-10
July 3^d 1809 the above charges were all settled - - -

July 3rd 1809 Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford, in Dischargeing with the Selectmen returned the following persons indebted to the Town, Viz:

The Rev. Samuel Stearns by his bond the sum of one thousand Dollars ———— \$ 1000-00
 Gershom L. Lane by his Note ———— 68-80
 Asa Webber a collector the sum of twenty seven Dollars & Ninety three cents ———— 27-93
 James Webber a collector Ninety four Dollars thirteen cents ———— 94-13
 Elijah Putnam a collector the sum of four hundred & twenty Dollars sixty one cents ———— 420-61
 Charge himself with cash on hand ———— 5-96
 June 20th 1809 Moses Treasurer for the Town of Bedford charged with the sum of two hundred & twenty five Dollars & eighty seven cents it being the one half of the Rev. Samuel Stearns salary for the present year together with the Grant of fifty Dollars agreeably to a vote of sd. Town. ———— \$ 225-87

November 18th 1809

Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford charged with the sum of one hundred & thirty three Dollars and Ninety eight cents ———— \$ 23-98
 December 2nd 1809 Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford charged with the sum of one hundred & one Dollar and one cent ———— \$ 101-01
 also with the amount of a highway tax dated April 28th 1809 the sum of fourteen Dollars & Ninety two cents ———— 14-92

all which sums are committed unto Elijah Putnam a collector, to collect. ————

March 2nd 1810 Received of Moses Fitch ^{Treasurer} in order the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars & eleven cents in part of his charge
 July 2nd 1810 Received of Moses Fitch ^{Treasurer} in order and receipt the sum of nine hundred & forty dollars and forty cents, in part of his charge ———— \$ 940-40

July 2nd 1810 the above charges & receipts are all settled to this date

March 10th 1810 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged
with Elijah Stearns Esq & Michael Crosby & delivered hand
being the sum of one hundred dollars - \$100-00

June 20th 1810 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged
with a Town tax, the sum of four hundred & eighty
five dollars & four teen cents. Committed unto
David Fitch Jr to collect. - \$485-14

November 21st 1810. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer
charged with the over and the state tax, with thirty
two dollars & six pence for procees, making the sum
of forty one dollar & fifty one cent. \$41-51
Committed to David Fitch, to collect.

December 20th 1810. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer, charged
with a Town tax granted for support of school. the
ordinary charges thereof, the tax. \$1287-73
and the means of a dispensary tax dated April
1st 1810. being the sum of twelve hundred and
thirty nine dollars & thirty three cents \$1239-73
Committed to David Fitch Jr to collect.

March 2^d 1811 Moses Fitch, Treasurer & Sheriff
William Webber, & others have the sum of
one hundred dollars - \$100-00

July 1st 1811 the above is settled

July 2^d 1811. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford in Newbury with the Selectmen returned the following persons indebted to the Town. viz.

The Shes. Samuel Stearns by his bond the sum of one thousand dollars - 1000-00

Gershon S. Lane & Co - 68-80

Ala Webber a collector the sum of twenty seven dollars & thirty three cents - 27-93

James Webber a collector the sum of twenty four dollars & thirteen cents - 24-13

Elijah Putnam a collector the sum of six hundred & seventeen dollars and sixty four cents - 617-74

charges himself with cash - 6-00

July 1st 1811 the above is settled

July 1st 1811 Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford in Newbury with the Selectmen returned the following persons indebted to the Town - viz.

The Shes Samuel Stearns and the sum of one thousand dollars - 1000-00

Gershon S. Lane & Co - 68-80

William Webber & Co of one hundred dollars - 100-00

Michael Crosby & Elijah Stearns & Co of one hundred dollars - 100-00

David Fitch a collector five hundred and three dollars & sixty six cents - 503-66

Charges himself with cash twenty one dollar and ninety eight cents - 21-98

September 14th 1811. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford. Charge with a town tax, being the several grants of the town for support of schools, charges, the Ministers salary &c. making the sum of one thousand three hundred and thirty five dollars & eighty one cents

\$1395 81

6th July 1812 the above charges were settled with the Treasurer

March 1st 1811

Received of Moses Fitch, Town Treasurer in
order, receipts, and cash the sum of three
hundred & forty five dollars and twenty six cents
in part of his charge - \$745.76

by order of the Selectmen. W^m Webber J. Clerk

July 1st 1811 Received of Moses Fitch, Treasurer in
order and receipts the sum of one thousand & forty
dollars & ninety two cents in part of his charge -

\$1040.92

by order of the Selectmen. W^m Webber J. Clerk

March 2 1812 Received of Moses Fitch, town treasurer
in order three hundred & nine dollars & eighty five cents
in part of his charge - \$309.85

July 6th 1812. Received of Moses Fitch, Treasurer
of D. town in order & receipts the sum of twelve
hundred & seven dollars & 58 cents \$1207.58

February 26th 1813. Received of Moses Fitch, Treasurer
of D. town, in order, the sum of one hundred and
ninety five dollars & fifty five cents in part of his
charge. \$195.55

July 5th 1813. Received of Moses Fitch, Treasurer
of the town of Bedford in order & receipts one thousand
three hundred & fifty two dollars & thirty six cents
in part of his charge. \$1352.36

March 4th 1814. Received of Moses Fitch, Treasurer
of the town of Bedford in order & receipts five hundred
and fifty eight dollars & forty four cents. \$558.44

July 11th 1814 Received of Moses Fitch, Treasurer.
in order and receipts one thousand six hundred and
four dollars & seventy five cents in part of his charge

W^m Webber
John Merriam } Selectmen \$1604.75

July 6th 1812 Moses Fitch Treasurer of the town of 23 before
 in the morning with the Selectmen, returned the following
 persons indebted to the town viz:

| | |
|--|------------|
| The Deacons and Members by his Bond | \$ 1000.00 |
| The sum of one thousand dollars | 68.80 |
| Ezra Horn & Lanes & Co | 100.00 |
| William Robbins & Co one hundred dollars | 112.36 |
| Michael Bradley & Elijah Starns Note | 100.00 |
| The sum of one hundred & twelve dollars & thirty cents | 376.03 |
| Nathaniel Browns Note one hundred dollars | 34.29 |
| David Fitch Jr a collector three hundred & seventy six dollars & three cents | |
| Money on hand thirty four dollars, 29 cents | |

all which was the T. Treasurer stands
 charged with.

September 26th 1812 Moses Fitch town treasurer, charged with
 a town tax including the overrun of the State Tax and the arrears of
 a highway tax dated April 19th 1811, being the sum of one thousand
 three hundred and thirty four dollars & forty one cents \$1334.41

February 26th 1813 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer, charged
 with the sum of six dollars. \$ 6.00

The above charges were withd

July 6th 1813. Moses Fitch, Treasurer of the town of 23 before
 in the morning with the Selectmen, returned the following persons
 indebted to the town viz:

| | |
|--|------------|
| The Deacons & Members of his Bond | \$ 1100.00 |
| James Adams Note | 68.80 |
| Wm Robbins & Co of hand | 100.00 |
| Christopher Boyd & James William & Co of hand | 119.10 |
| Isaac Brown & Co of hand | 100.00 |
| Isaac Brown & Elijah Starns & Co of hand | 150.00 |
| David Fitch Jr a collector three hundred & seventy six dollars & three cents | 17.81 |
| James Adams a collector three hundred & seventy six dollars & three cents | 202.89 |
| Money on hand | 3.52 |

Sept 6th charged with the sum of \$25 being money received
 for the purchase of the fire, & bought of the town, & paid

September 29th 1813.

Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the town tax including the over and of the collector, & the means of a highway tax being the sum of one thousand eight hundred seven dollars & seventy nine cents. \$1807.79

Committed to James Wibber to collect.

October 13th 1813. Charged with the town being 1800

the amount of Solomon Bacon's taxes in part.

March 4th 1814. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of Nineteen dollars, cash he had on hand \$19.00

April 18th 1814. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with cash twenty dollars & seventy five cents \$20.75

The above is settled.

July 11th 1814. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the town of Bedford in reckoning with the Selectmen returned the following persons indebted to the town

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Thos. Samuel Stearns Bond. - - - - | \$1000.00 |
| Gershon T. Lane's Note - - - - - | 68.80 |
| Christopher Page's Note - - - - - | 126.24 |
| David Fitch, a late collector. - - - - | 6.11 |
| James Wibber a late collector. - - - - | 635.25 |
| money in his own hands - - - - - | 24.06 |

September 15th 1814. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the town of Bedford. Charged with a town tax for 1814. including the means of a highway tax for 1813. and also the over and of the collector tax for 1814. being the sum of one thousand six hundred and three dollars & twenty four cents. \$1603.24.
3rd July 1815 the above settled

March 3rd 1813 Received of Moses Fitch Town Supt in orders and receipts. four hundred and eighty four dollars and eighty five cents in part of his charge. by us

Wm. Wibber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Timothy Page }

3 July 1815 Received of Moses Litch Treasurer in order and receipts one thousand one hundred and fifty six dollars and ninety one cent in part of his charge. \$1156.91

by us — — — — — Wm Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Simothy Page }

3 July 1815. Moses Litch Treasurer for the Town of Bedford in
discharge with the Selectmen returned the following persons
debted to the town viz:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Proc. Saml. Stearns by his bond | \$1000.00 |
| Jeremiah S. Lane by his Note | 68.80 |
| Capt. Christopher Page by his Note | 133.81 |
| Daniel Litch a late collector | 6.11 |
| James Webber a late collector | 591.81 |
| Charges himself with cash on hand | 28.98 |

September 15th 1815. Moses Litch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford
charged with the town tax for 1815, and also the overrunning of the State tax
and the arrears of a highway tax, the sum of one thousand six
hundred and twenty five dollars. \$1625.00

March 1st 1816. Received of Moses Litch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford
in order and receipts four hundred and thirty six dollars and sixty
nine cents in part of his charge. \$436.69

Wm Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Simothy Page }

March 18th 1816. Moses Litch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of
thirty four dollars & thirty six cents. it being that part of the income
of the Page fund, appropriate for the support of the Gospel Ministry in Bedford.

July 1st 1816. Received of Moses Litch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford
in order & receipts one thousand two hundred & forty three dollars
and thirty two cents in part of his charge. \$1243.72

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

1st July 1816. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in Accounting with the Selectmen returned the following persons indebted to the Town. - viz

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| The New-Samuel Stearns Bond | \$ 1000. 00 |
| Gersham F. Lagg Lane Note of hand | 68 - 80 |
| Cap ^t Christopher Page, Note of hand | 141 - 83 |
| David Fitch Collector for 1811 | 6 - 11 |
| David & James Wibber Collector | 95 - 58 |
| David Fitch a late collector | 515 - 66 |
| Samuel Stearns Bond | 1000 - 00 |
| Money on hand | 11 - 29 |

September 4th 1816. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford charged with the Town tax and the overrun of three late tax and also the arrears of a highway tax, amounting to the sum of one thousand nine hundred and eighty eight dollars & seventy five cents \$1988.75

1817. Febr 28th Received of Moses Fitch Treasurer in. orders & receipts the sum of four hundred & seventy four dollars & eleven cents in part of his charge. \$ 474.11
} Selectmen
 John Wibber
 John Merriam
 Joseph Brown

July 2nd 1817. Received of Moses Fitch Treasurer of said Town, in orders and receipts one thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars, and thirty eight cents, in part of his charge. \$ 1519.38
} Selectmen
 William Wibber
 John Merriam

2nd July 1817. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer of the Town of Bedford in Accounting with the Selectmen, returned the following persons indebted to the Town. viz

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| The New-Samuel Stearns Bond | \$ 1000. 00 |
| Gersham F. Lanes Note | 68 - 80 |
| James Wibber a late collector | 71 - 58 |
| David Fitch a late collector | 9 - 26 |
| Herbich Hutchinson a late collector | 679 - 50 |

Moses Fitch -- Treasurer
 William Wibber } Selectmen
 John Merriam }

September 2nd 1817. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer, charged with the Town
 tax for 1817 including the amount of assessment & the amount of a highway
 tax for the year 1816, being the sum of one thousand and eight hundred and
 fifty dollars and thirty two cents, committed to Joseph Smith to collect.
 10th Feb. 1818. Charged with that part of the foregoing for the same year — \$1813.58
 February 27. 1818. Received of Moses Fitch Town Treasurer, in order and
 receipt nine hundred and thirty eight dollars and twenty cents.
 in part of his charge — \$988.120

Wm. Webber }
 John Merriam } Selectmen
 Joseph Brown }

July 6th 1818. Received of Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town
 of Bedford, in order and receipt one thousand and eighty four
 dollars and eleven cents, in part of his charge. \$1084.11

Wm. Webber }
 John Merriam } Selectmen
 Joseph Brown }

6th July 1818. Moses Fitch Treasurer of the Town of Bedford, in
 the name of the Selectmen, returned the following items as in-
 debted to the Town viz.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Mrs. Samuel Stearns bond | \$1000.00 |
| James Webber a late collector | 71.58 |
| David Fitch, Note, if collected of Tric Page | 9.26 |
| Henry Smith a late collector | 544.36 |
| Cash on hand | 7.29 |

Moses Fitch Treasurer
 Wm. Webber }
 John Merriam } Selectmen
 Joseph Brown }

September 16th 1818. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer, charged with
 the Town tax, including the amount of the State tax, & the amount of
 a highway tax dated 30. May 1817, being the sum of two thou-
 sand two hundred and seventy nine dollars and twenty three cents
 committed to John Hedger to collect. — \$2279.78

Wm. Webber Chairman of the Assessors.
 John Merriam

19th July 1819 Received of Moses Fitch Treasurer in order and receipt one
 thousand one hundred and fifty eight dollars & two cents in part
 of his charge

Wm. Webber }
 Joseph Brown } Selectmen

Feb 26th 1819 Received of Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in
orders and receipt one thousand and one dollar & eighty
seven cents, in part of his charge \$1001-87

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

April 6th 1819. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with the sum of
thirty six dollars & nine cents, being the part of the income of the Page
fund appropriated for the Ministry ————— \$36-09

19 July 1819. Then Discharged with Moses Fitch Treasurer
of the Town of Dedford & returned the following persons indebted
to the Town, viz.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Acc. Samuel & Sam. Bond | \$1000-00 |
| James Webber a late Constable | 71-58 |
| David Smith's Note if collected | 9-26 |
| Herbiah H. Hutchinson a late collector | 14-20 |
| John Reed a late collector | 796-14 |
| Cash on hand | 71 |

Moses Fitch } Treasurer

Wm Webber }
Joseph Brown } Selectmen

September 2nd 1819 Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with a Town
tax, together with the overlapping of a state tax & the amount of a high-
way tax for 1818, amounting to the sum one thousand seven
hundred & three dollars & forty five cents, committed to John Reed
to collect. ————— \$1703-45

also with the sum of ————— 1-84

Wm Webber Town Clerk & Chairman of the appraisers

March 3 1820. Moses Fitch Town Treasurer charged with that part of
the income of the page fund for the use of the Ministry — \$36-75

March 3-1820 Received of Moses Fitch Town Treasurer in orders
and receipt seven hundred and twenty dollars & forty one cents
in part of his charge. ————— \$720-41

March 3 1820. Received of the Treasurer cash in part of his charge — 103-09
Wm Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen
Joseph Brown }

August 18th 1820. Received of Messrs. Hatch Town Surveyors
 one thousand one hundred eighty seven
 dollars and thirty cents, in part of his charge of 1819, 1820.

William Webber } Selectmen
 John Merriam }
 Elijah Shelton }

18th August 1820. Received of Messrs. Hatch Town Surveyors
 the following persons indebted to the
 Town. Viz:

President. James Bond - \$100.00
 by James Webb's Note of hand - 10.78
~~John Bond~~
 and he charges himself with the sum of five hundred
 and seventy five dollars and seventy two cents
 which lies in the hands of John Bond, a late Collector,
 also with that part of the income arising from
 the Pigeon for the support of the Ministry, being - 36.48

September 26th 1820. Received of Messrs. Hatch Town Surveyors the sum of 100 dollars
 charged with the town tax including the revenue of the Statute
 and the amount of a highway tax, dated July 2^d 1819 amounting to
 the sum of sixteen hundred & thirteen dollars & 24 cents \$1613.06
 paid with intent of Pigeon, for the support of the Gospel Ministry - 37.00

March 2^d 1821. Received of Messrs. Hatch Town Surveyors of the Town
 of 100 dollars, one hundred and thirty five dollars and thirty
 six cents & fifty eight cents, in part of his charge. 546.56

William Webber } Selectmen
 John Merriam }
 Elijah Shelton }

August 20th 1821.

Received of Messrs. Hatch Town Surveyors in or about
 one thousand and twenty four dollars and eighty cents in
 part of his charge. - - - - - \$1024.80

William Webber } Selectmen
 John Merriam }
 Elijah Shelton }

March 1st 1822. Received of Messrs. Hatch Town Surveyors in or about & receipt
 four hundred and thirty six dollars & sixty one cents in part of his charge

William Webber } Selectmen
 John Merriam }
 Elijah Shelton }

September 13th 1821. Moses Titch Treasurer for the Town of Bedford,
Charged with a Town tax including ^{the year 1821} of State County and Town taxes,
and also the amount of a highway tax dated May 20th 1820,
amounting to the sum of \$161.32 29

Dec. 11th 1822. Charged the income of the Pope fund } Paid \$38.01
for the support of the Ministry — — — — — }

William Webber
Elijah Shelton } Officers

Record. April 8th 1822.

This day received of David Titch Treasurer of said Town, in orders
receipt & money two hundred and seventy eight dollars & ninety
eight cents, being in full of all charges against him as Treasurer,
except the sum of one thousand six hundred & thirteen dollars & seventy
nine cents, dated Sept 18th 1821, being the Town ^{tax for year 1821} with the ^{overlapping}
of the State & County tax & money a highway tax, dated May 20th 1820,
with which said Treasurer was charged as Treasurer & collector

William Webber
John Merriam — } Selectmen
Elijah Shelton } of Bedford

October 6th 1823. Then received of John Bacon Town Treasurer, the sum
of one thousand, six hundred and ninety eight dollars and twenty
cents, being in full of his charge for the year 1822 for money raised

William Webber
Reuben Baron } Selectmen

October 6th 1823. Then received of John Bacon Town Treasurer,
forty nine dollars & eighty seven cents, being in full he received ^{for}
Paid Notes over and above the interest Paid on Notes against the
town.

William Webber
Reuben Baron } Selectmen

Bedford April 8th. 1822. John Bacon Town Treasurer

Charged with the following Notes &c. viz.

| | |
|--|---------|
| By Samuel & Eliza Bond of one thousand dollars | 1000 00 |
| " James Wilson Note of one thousand dollars & interest & a fifth part | 1000 78 |
| " James & Francis Wilson Note of one thousand dollars, 8/8 | 1000 00 |
| Wm Goodwin's Note dated Dec. 21 st 1818 | 200 00 |
| " Timothy Page Note Feb. 11 th 1822 | 111 00 |
| " James Wright Note Feb. 11 th 1822 | 41 49 |
| " Christopher Page Note Feb. 11 th 1822 | 38 81 |
| " Job Lane Note Feb. 11 1822 | 21 90 |
| " David Reed Note Feb. 1 st 1822 | 78 80 |
| " William Goodwin Note Feb. 1 st 1822 | 20 00 |
| " Nathaniel Page Note Feb. 11 th 1822 | 78 26 |
| " John Reed Note Feb. 1 st 1822 | 78 00 |
| To Cash being interest collected on the Paid Notes | 44 00 |
| " Dr. of Taxes committed to John Reed for a note collector 8 th | 58 |
| to collect | |
| " To Cash - received from the former Treasurer | 78 69 |

Sept 3^d. Charged with interest money received of Benjamin Mander 10 71
Sept 20th Charged with the income of the Pape fund appropriated for the support of the Gospel Ministry 38 65

September 12th 1822

John Bacon Treasurer for the Town of Bedford.

Charged with a town tax, including the overlappings and the amount of a highway tax dated May 5th 1821,

amounting to the sum of
allocating to wit, to Elijah Mann & Benjamin Fincher, Note, 2113 00
William Webber 482 78
Elijah Skelton } Apportion

October 22^d 1822. John Bacon Town Treasurer. Charged with
Cash. Received of Messrs Ditch collector for the year 1821, the
sum of one hundred & twenty five dollars and forty cents.
B 175 40

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen

Feb. 28th 1823.

Received of John Bacon Town Treasurer in order and receipt one
thousand two hundred eighty nine dollars and ninety eight cents in
part of his charge. B 1289 98

William Webber }
John Merriam } Selectmen

Bedford June 18th 1823.

John Bacon Town Treasurer, charged with a town tax, and the over laying of the State tax, also the arrears of a highway tax dated May 27th 1822, amounting to the sum of two thousand & ninety nine dollars & thirty two cents \$2099.32

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Apportion
Mather Hayward }

Bedford June 22nd 1824

John Bacon Town Treasurer, charged with a town & minister tax including the over laying of the State. County. Town & minister taxes also the arrears of a highway tax dated May 21st 1823, amounting to the sum of seventeen hundred & twenty two dollars & thirty five cents \$1722.35.

1825 March 21st also charged with the interest of the Pape fund for the support of the Gospel ministry in Bedford 40.00

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Apportion

Bedford June 18th 1825

John Bacon Town Treasurer, charged with a town and minister tax for the year 1825, including the over laying, and also the arrears of a highway tax dated May 15th 1824, amounting to the sum of eighteen hundred & fifty five dollars & seventy cents committed to Nehemiah Lued to collect. \$1855.70

William Webber

Reuben Bacon }
Mather Hayward } Apportion

Sept 29th 1825 Paid of John Bacon Town Treasurer seventeen hundred and seventy dollars & thirty nine cents \$1770.99 in orders and receipts, being in full of his charges to June 18th 1825

Also charged John Bacon Treasurer with cash received of him in the above settlement the sum of fifty two dollars & six five cents \$52.65

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Selection
Mather Hayward }

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Received Oct 6 th 1820, for a Bacon Town Treasurer, charged with the following | |
| Dec. Samuel Shanks Bond of one Hundred Dollars | \$1000.00 |
| James Webb's Note | 100.00 |
| James & Francis Webb's Note | 435.00 |
| Wm. Goodwin's Note | 200.00 |
| Timothy Payer's Note | 111.00 |
| James Wright's Note | 111.49 |
| Christopher Payer's Note | 33.81 |
| Job Lane's Note | 21.90 |
| David Reed's Note | 98.80 |
| William Gooding's Note | 20.00 |
| Nathaniel Payer's Note | 79.26 |
| Ara Head's Note | 78.00 |

also charged with each the receipt of said Treasurer's account.

Received of three hundred and one dollar & sixty nine cents
 April 12. with interest on page fund, for support of Ministry
 William Webb } Selectmen
 Reuben Bacon }

Feb 27, 1824.

Received of John Bacon Town Treasurer in order
 one thousand, one hundred & forty two dollars and
 seventy two cents in part of his charge — — \$1142.72.

April 12th

William Webb } Selectmen
 Reuben Bacon }
 Nathan Hayward }

Oct 4th 1824.

Received of John Bacon Town Treasurer in order & receipt
 one thousand ~~and three hundred & twenty~~ dollars ~~and twenty seven cents~~
 two hundred & ninety seven dollars & fifty eight cents, in full
 of his charge prior to June 21st 1824. \$1297.58

William Webb } Selectmen
 Reuben Bacon }
 Nathan Hayward }

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September 19th 1822 committed unto John Bacon Collecting
taxes for the Town of Bedford, as follows

A State tax to pay the State Treasurer the sum of \$106.00
also a County tax to pay to the County Treasurer 10.50
and also a town tax including the overlappings
and arrears of a highway tax dated May 1822
to pay to the Rev. Samuel Stearns as Salary 260.00
and the remainder to pay to the Selectmen or order, being 183.50

William Webber }
Elijah Skelton } Assessors

\$1255.70 Bedford October 2^d 1825
Received of John Bacon Treasurer of S^d Town
Eighteen hundred & fifty five dollars 70/100
in orders and receipts in full for his charge of taxes
for 1825

William Webber }
Reuben Bacon } Selectmen
Amos Hartwell }

Bedford July 8th 1826

John Bacon Treasurer of S^d Town Charged with a Town
& Minister tax for the year 1826 including the Over
layings & arrears of a highway tax dated 23^d May
1825 amounting to the Sum of Eighteen Hundred &
thirty Eight Dollars 76/100 Committed to Joel Fitch
to Collect \$1838.76

Reuben Bacon }
Amos Hartwell } Assessors

May 7th 1827 John Bacon, Treasurer, charged with cash, reimbursed
by Michael Crosby, School Committee for the Cash, district, which
he drew from the Treasury, more than said district proportion 6.60

Committed unto John Reed y^r 3^d collector the one half of the Rev^d Mr. Stearns salary the sum of one Hundred & Seventy eight Dollars & fifty eight cents dated June 25th 1803 \$ 178. 58

Committed unto John Reed y^r 3^d collector, the State and county Tax set to this town for this year the sum of three Hundred & fifteen Dollars & 20 C 315. 02 dated November 28th 1803

To pay to the State treasurer 190. 66
to pay to the County treasurer 112. 89
to the town treasurer the sum of 11. 47

December 20th 1803 committed unto John Reed y^r 3^d collector the town tax for 2^d year the sum of eleven Hundred & seventy six Dollars & seventy cents 1176. 70 and also the arrears of the Highway tax dated April 11th 1803 the sum of twenty eight Dollars and two cents 28. 02

June 13th 1804 Committed unto Capt John Webber Collector the one half of the Rev^d Mr. Stearns salary the sum of one Hundred & seventy six Dollars & forty eight cents \$ 176. 48

November 22nd 1804 Committed unto Capt John Webber the State & county tax for this year the sum of \$ 316. 90

To pay to the State treasurer the sum of \$ 130. 66
To pay to the County treasurer the sum of \$ 155. 33
To pay to the town treasurer the sum of \$ 30. 91

November 30th 1804 Committed unto Capt John Webber collector the town tax for the present year the sum of one thousand & three Hundred & thirty Dollars and two cents \$ 1330. 02

February 18th 1805 Committed unto Capt John Webber to collect the arrears of the Highway tax dated April 22nd 1804 \$ 10. 01

June 25th 1805 Committed unto Mr Asa Webber collector the one half of the Rev^d Mr. Stearns salary and also the sum of fifty Dollars ~~for~~ granted by the Town of Bedford in May last. it being the sum of two hundred & twenty four Dollars and eighty one cents \$ 224. 81

November 15th 1805 Committed unto Asa Webber the State & County tax for this year the sum of \$ 206. 54
To pay to the State treasurer the sum of 128. 66
To pay to the County treasurer the sum of 17. 69

December 2nd 1805 Committed unto Asa Webber collector for the sum of the present year the sum of thirteen hundred & ninety six Dollars & 90 cents it being the town tax \$ 1396. 90

December 24th 1805 Committed unto Asa Webber to collect the arrears of the highway dated April 22nd 1804 \$ 16. 71

June 20th 1806 Committed unto Asa Webber a collector
to collect the sum of three hundred & seventy six Dollars
& thirty six cents — \$376-36
it being the method of the New England States
to allow for the present year, and also the sum of
two hundred Dollars granted by the Town in
last year for the support of Cambridge

State Tax, November 20th 1806

Committed unto Asa Webber a collector the sum of
two hundred & twenty five Dollars & thirty cents \$225-30
it being the State tax for the present year

County Tax, November 20th 1806

Committed unto Asa Webber a collector to collect
the sum of Eighty Nine Dollars & forty eight cents, \$89-48
it being the County tax for the present year —

December 22^d 1806. Committed unto Asa Webber, collector for
the present year, the Schoorham tax being the sum of
Four hundred & two Dollars & twenty two cents. \$432-70

December 22^d 1806 Committed unto Asa Webber collector
for the present year the Town tax, the sum of one hundred
two Dollars & thirty six Dollars & sixteen cents \$1296-16

December 22^d Committed unto Asa Webber, collector for the present
year the amount of the Highway tax being the sum of
Seventeen Dollars and thirty two cents \$17-92

June 17th 1807 Committed unto James Webber a collector
the sum of one thousand two hundred and seventeen
Dollars and thirty two cents — \$1217-92

it being the method of the New England States
to allow for the present year, and for the damages of ~~the~~ opening a
road from Bedford Meeting House to Lexington Gore
by the damages 532 \$50 for making the road 162 rods
at 2803 cents per rod 455 \$46 cents with the amount
October 29th 1807 Committed unto James Webber the State tax \$270-60

October 29th 1807 Committed unto James Webber a collector
the sum of five hundred and eight Dollars and fifteen
cents, it being for the purpose of completing the School
House in the Middle of the Town \$528-15

December 25th 1807 Committed unto James Webber a collector
the sum of one thousand four hundred and sixty Dollars and
twenty cents it being the sum granted by the Town to defray
the ordinary wages thereof, and the remainder of the three
Mr. Stearns salary the present year and also the amount
of a highway tax dated April 29. 1807 — \$1463-20

March 11th 1808 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a County tax
being the sum of one hundred and thirty two Dollars & sixty six
cents, to collect - \$132-69

June 18th 1808 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a collector
the one half of the Pres. Samuel Stearns salary for the present
year, with the addition of fifty Dollars voted by the Town
on the 4 day of April last. to collect
being the sum of two hundred & twenty five Dollars
and eighty six cents - \$229-86

December 17th 1808 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a collector
the State tax being the sum of two hundred & thirty four Dollars
& sixty two cents to collect - \$234-62

December 17th 1808 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a collector
the County tax being the sum of one hundred & thirteen Dollars
& thirty nine cents to collect - \$113-99

December 19th 1808 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a collector
the Town tax for defraying the ordinary charges, support of school,
and the remainder of Mr. Stearns salary &c. for the present year
and also the arrears of the Highway for the present year -
being the sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty
Dollars and twenty one cents, to collect - \$1350-71

June 21st 1809 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a Co-
lector, the one half of the Pres. Samuel Stearns salary
for the present year, together with the sum of fifty
Dollars agreeably to a vote of the Town, amounting
to the sum of two hundred & twenty five Dollars & 84
cents to collect & pay to the Town Treasurers. \$225-84

November 18th 1809 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a
collector, to collect, a State and County tax it being
the sum of four hundred and one Dollars & thirty cents
\$401-30

December 26th 1809 Committed unto Elijah Putnam
a collector of the Town of \$2,000 to collect, a Town & Highway
tax, the sum of one thousand two hundred & twenty three
Dollars & eight cents - \$1223-08

March 11th 1809 Committed unto Elijah Putnam a collector
the sum of fourteen Dollars & thirty four cents
\$14-92

June 20th 1810 Committed unto David Fitch Jr. a
Collector a County tax date April 2^d 1810. the
sum of one hundred & forty six dollars & thirty three
cents to collect & pay to the County Treasurer.
146.73

June 20th 1810 Committed unto David Fitch Jr. a
Collector a Town tax, the sum of four hundred and
eighty five dollars & fourteen cents. to pay to
the Town Treasurer. — — — — \$485.14

November 21st 1810 Committed unto David Fitch Jr.
a Collector a State tax, with the sum of thirty
two dollars together with the over-run being the
sum of five hundred and sixty eight dollars
and seventeen cents. — — — — \$268.17

December 25th 1810 Committed unto David Fitch Jr.
a collector, a Town tax granted for support of schools
& to defray the ordinary charges thereof the sum of
thirteen dollars & being the sum of twelve hundred
and twenty dollars & eighty cents. \$1220.80
also the amount of a highway tax dated April
17th 1810 the sum of nineteen dollars & thirteen cents.
\$19.13

September 14th 1811 Committed unto David Fitch Jr.
a collector a County tax, the sum of one hundred
and forty three dollars & seventy one cents. \$143.71

September 14th 1811. Committed unto David Fitch Jr.
a collector a town tax, including the over-run of the
County ^{and State} tax, being the sum of one thousand three
hundred and thirty five dollars & eighty one cents
\$1395.81

October 8th 1811. Committed unto David Fitch Jr. a
collector a State tax the sum of two hundred & seventy
dollars & sixty six cents. — — — — \$270.66
to collect and pay into the State Treasurer

September 26th 1812. Committed unto James Webber a collector for the present year. the state tax, being the sum of two hundred and one twenty dollars and thirty three cents. — \$220.11.93

September 26th 1812 Committed unto James Webber the town tax for the present year and the arrears of a high way tax dated April 19th 1811. being the sum of one thousand four hundred and twenty dollars and fifty five cents. — \$1430.11.35

September 29th 1813.

Committed unto James Webber a collector a state tax being the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars and six cents. — \$170.11.16

September 29th 1813.

Committed unto James Webber a town tax, being the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars and fifty five cents. — \$180.11.16

September 15th A.D. 1814.

Committed unto James Webber a collector for 1814. to collect a state tax, for said year. being the sum of one hundred and forty six dollars and sixty seven cents. to collect and pay in and pay unto the state treasurer. — \$146.67

• Also a town and county tax for 1814. being the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty six dollars and eight cents. including the arrears of the state tax, and the arrears of a high way tax dated 2^d of May 1813. — \$1686.08 to collect and pay unto the town & county treasurers, as directed by warrant

September 15th 1815 Committed unto David Hild. Collector a state tax being the sum of two hundred and thirty eight dollars and sixty seven cents. to pay unto the state treasurer. — \$238.67

also a county tax, eighty two dollars and eighty four cents to pay to the County Treasurer. — \$82.84

also a town tax including the arrears of the state tax, and the arrears of the high way tax for 1814. being the sum of one thousand six hundred and twenty five dollars

To pay to the town treasurer. — \$1625.00

September 14th 1816.

Committed unto Archibald Hutchinson a Collector a State
tax being the sum of one hundred and seventy four dollars & sixty
seven cts. to pay to the State Treasurer — \$174.67

Also a County tax the sum of two hundred and forty six
dollar and four cts. to pay to the County Treasurer \$246.04

Also a Town tax including the overrun of the State tax
and the amount of a highway tax the sum of one thousand nine
hundred and eighty eight dollar and seventy five cts
to pay to the Town Treasurer — \$1988.75

September 14th 1817 Committed unto Archibald Hutchinson
a Collector a State tax being the sum of one hundred and fifty
four dollar and 6th cts. to pay to the State Treasurer \$154.67

Also a County tax the sum of one hundred and thirty five
dollar and 39 cts. to pay to the County Treasurer \$175.39

also the Town tax for 1817, including the overrun of the State
tax, and the amount of a highway tax for 1817, the sum of
one thousand eight hundred and eight dollar and 32 cts
to pay unto the Town Treasurer — \$1808.32

1818
16th September the Jefferson Committed unto Capt John Reed a collector
a State tax being the sum of one hundred and fifty eight dollar
and sixty seven cts — \$158.67

to pay to the State Treasurer —

also a County tax the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollar
and 53 cts. to pay to the County Treasurer — \$125.53

and also a Town tax including the overrun of the State tax and
the amount of a highway tax dated 30th May 1817, the sum of two
thousand two hundred & seventy nine dollar & seventy three cts

to pay to the Town Treasurer — \$2279.73

Wm Webber Chair^{man} of Assessors

John Merriam —

Bedford July 8th 1825

Committed to Joel Fitch A County Treas & Minister
Tax including rearages of a highway tax Dated May 23^d
1825 amounting to the sum of Nineteen Hundred &
one Dollars 8/100 to collect and pay to the County

Treasurer ----- 62 32
to pay the Town Treasurer ----- 18 38 76
----- 1901 08

Ruben Bacon }
Amos Harwood } Abscons

Also charged as above

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| 1827 May 7 th to Cash of the Selectmen | 6.00 |
| " June 1 st " Cash of E. Stearns for Books Sold | 70 08 |
| " July 7 th " Cash Borrowed of Selectmen - | |
| Belonging to L. J. & R. Hamaker | 17.50 |
| " July 7 th Cash Borrowed of L. Smith. | 50.00 |
| Aug - 1 st Cash of E. Stearns for School Books Sold | 29.72 |

July 10th 1811 James Cader a State pauper, came from the
House in Danvers, to this town, and went to board with Nathaniel Hyman
and continue there until the 18th January 1812. Hyman agreed to support
Cader for what the Committee on accounts allowed.

To Cath^l Hyman for bearing Cader from July 10th 1811 to Jan^r 1812.

27 weeks & 2 days @ ¹³³ ~~100~~ cents per week \$ 36.29

To Cath^l Page from 18th Jan^r 1812 to the 27th Jan^r 1812 11 weeks & 3 days 1.71

To James Webster for tanning Cader's skin 1.00

To Peter Updell do do 7.75

To Clothing for Cader 47.43

Allowed by the Committee on accounts 44.33

To be exhibited in a future account 3.12

Made up to Cath^l Page to Jan^r 6th 1812, 20 weeks 26.00

To Elijah Meann for Clothing & term 4.16

30.76

allowed by the Committee on accounts 24.51

Short 6.25

April 6th 1813 allowed the term of Bedford for support of
James Cader a State pauper \$ 44.77

Paid out Perum to Cath^l Page for supporting 17.25

Said pauper in full to this date

Paid W^m Goodings in full for do. 20.17

Paid Leonard Thomas in full for do. 50

Paid L. in the Page in full for do. 13.82

Paid Elijah Meann in part paid 14.79

Due to E. Meann on account for clothing 11.70

for which we gave him an order.

W^m Webber Chairman
of the overseen
panel



Bedford Dec^r 22^d 1804
Taken in by Thaddeus Litch David Mason from Boston
to board

December 10th 1804. Taken in as a servant from Min-
-ister, Lukey Harrington, by Gen. Amariah Pease

June 5th 1814 Taken in by John Reed, as a servant Nancy
Blazedale, from Carlisle. Aged 14 years. — 14 years —

